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SUMMARY.

Abdul Hamid, ex-Sultan of Turkey, is not allowed writing paper or any means of communication.

A native British force defeated the Mullah of Somaliland, and recovered 600 camels.

The Czar has released General Stoessel and Admiral Nebogatoff from the fortress of S.S. Peter and Paul, at St. Petersburg, as their health has been seriously affected.

In the match against Surrey the Australians completed their first innings for 157.

Surrey has lost eight wickets for 161 in its second innings. Hayward played in masterly style for 85, not out, and exhibited perfect defence.

Extremists goaded the committee of the General Confederation of Labour of France into voting for a general strike.

The committee accordingly issued a manifesto urging trade unions to strike immediately.

A number of the Australian and New Zealand delegates to the Imperial press conference were banqueted by the National Club of Toronto.

Mr. J. P. Whitney, the Premier of the province, extended the freedom of Ontario to the delegates.

Lord Ampthill, for a short period Governor-General of India, in a letter to the "Times," pleads for a distinctive flag for India.

The Speaker of the House of Commons refused to allow Mr. Keir Hardie to move the adjournment to consider the deportation of anarchists from India.

Speaking at the South African banquet in London the Earl of Crewe said that union would conduce to the moral as well as the material strength of South Africa.

Lord Brassey presided at a meeting in aid of the Brotherhood of the Good Shepherd.

Lord Northcote referred to the good work which the Brotherhood did among bushmen in Australia.

The House of Commons refused to permit the introduction of a bill for the adequate inspection of monastic and conventual institutions.

Reuter says that the Turkish authorities are attempting to punish only Christians on account of the massacres in Adana.

A sergeant of Dutch engineers has been arrested at Utrecht for offering to sell plans to Germany.

The plans would have enabled Germany to frustrate arrangements by the Netherlands to flood the country on the approach of an invader.

The Duke of Bedford moved in the House of Lords for an inquiry into the condition of the special reserve of the army.

The Government offered strenuous opposition to the proposal on the ground that an inquiry at this stage would be premature.

Earl Roberts, in a striking speech, warned the Government and the country that danger was coming nearer every day.

Mr. Kirkpatrick has commenced his duties as Agent-General for South Australia.

The Federal Cabinet yesterday gave consideration to various matters which it is intended to bring before Parliament.

A considerable portion of the Cabinet's time was given to the Defence Bill.

Mr. Hutchison, Honorary Minister, will act as Minister for Defence in the absence of Senator Pearce at the Defence Conference in London.

Mr. O. C. Beale says there is a strong feeling in Victoria in favour of a fusion of political parties.

The remarks of the Prime Minister on the condition of the working man in prohibition and non-prohibition areas have excited comment amongst temperance workers.

The matter came before the New South Wales Alliance, and Mr. Fisher's remarks at the Presbyterian General Assembly were challenged.

The Parliament of South Australia has been further prorogued until July 18.

The combined unions committee and the Port Pirie delegates sat for over 12 hours, at Broken Hill, considering the industrial position.

It was agreed to take a referendum on the position at Port Pirie, as to whether the men should resume work.

The State Treasurer, who is visiting his electorate, received a number of depatations at Cowra in connection with local matters.

Mr. Waddell is gratified with the progress made with the railway works at the Cowra end of the line to Canowindra.

The Liberal and Reform Association yesterday decided on the planks to its platform in agriculture, forestry, education, and industrial matters.

At the evening sitting a proposal to enact of a progressive land tax was rejected.

The nine artificers selected to take part in the construction of destroyers for Australia left Melbourne for London in the Suevic.

The grandstand on the Armidale racecourse was burned down on Tuesday night.

Thomas Ellison, a Melbourne sharebroker, accidentally shot himself while on a shooting excursion at Seymour.

The Presbyterian Assembly of Victoria yesterday discussed the question of the union of the churches.

The clerk of the Assembly said the question of union was in the hands of the Presbyterian General Assembly, and that business was to find out if union was desirable.

To this several voices replied: "It is not desirable."

The Presbyterian church at Newstead has been destroyed by fire. The building was the oldest church in the Inverell district.

Mr. Andrew W. Strachan, ex-Sub-Inspector of Police, died at his residence, in Randwick, early yesterday morning.

A block of buildings has been destroyed by fire at Masterton, New Zealand.

The insurances total £3000, but the loss is considerably in excess of that amount.

About 7000 public school children attended the Sydney Cricket Ground yesterday to take part in the rehearsal for the Empire Day display.

Owing to the continuous rain, the management decided that no drills should take place, but the children went through patriotic songs in the stands.

Last month the Clyde Engineering Works established a record in regard to the amount of work turned out by the company.

Since then a record has been established as to the number of hands employed.

The health and bylaws committee of the City Council has approved a minute from the Lord Mayor in regard to tree-planting in the city streets.

The council of the Women's Liberal League sent a message to their English sisters hoping that they might obtain speedy enfranchisement.

Canon Boyce presided at the annual conference of the New South Wales Alliance yesterday.

A new society for the preservation of Australian fauna was formed at the Royal Society's rooms last night.

The women of Tasmania yesterday bade farewell to Lady Edeline Strickland. A reception was held in the Hobart Town Hall.

The Japanese mail steamer Kumano Maru, which sailed yesterday, took £250,000 for Kobe.

The drought which has prevailed in the South Coast district for some time has broken up.

Copious rains fell during Tuesday night and yesterday morning, and the district has greatly benefited.

As unusually heavy fall occurred at Clifton, two inches being recorded in 10 minutes.

The sudden spurt in Barrier scrip which set in last Saturday has been followed by a reaction.

The transactions in silver stocks were on limited lines, and the tone of the market was weaker.

On the other hand, copper stocks were again in favour, and a large business was recorded at advanced rates in some cases.

Weather Forecast.—More scattered showers along the coastal districts, chiefly on the central and northern coasts, otherwise fine generally; a change affecting the western districts in the forenoon Saturday.

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For LAUNCESTON—
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ROTOMAHANA, May 20, 25, 29; June 3, 8, 12, 17.
From LAUNCESTON—
LOONGANA, May 20, 25, 29; June 3, 8, 12, 17.
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BRISBANE (Transhipping at Brisbane for Maryborough, Bundaberg, and Gladstone), ROCKHAMPTON (Wharf).	BURWAH (Cargo only), TUESDAY, May 25.	ALLINGA, 5 p.m., TUESDAY, June 1.
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WESTRALIA, TUESDAY, June 1, noon; and June 15, 29.
From HOBART—
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LAUNCESTON—
From MELBOURNE—LOONGANA, May 22, 27, ROTOMAHANA, May 20, 25, 29.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
Accounts with plans of distribution in the undermentioned estates, showing dividends as specified, are now filed in the office of the Registrar in Bankruptcy, Citizens'-chambers, Moore-street, Sydney, for the inspection of persons interested; and notice is hereby given that such accounts and plans will be submitted to the Court for confirmation on Friday, 4th June, 1909, at 11 a.m., if not previously objected to:—
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GEORGE MATHISON, of 94 Elizabeth-street, Ashfield (No. 17,859), a first account and first plan of distribution, showing payment of a dividend of eighteen shillings and seven-sixteenths of a penny in the £ on the only proved claim.
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HOWARD FREEMAN and RICHARD WALLACE, of "Tattersall's Hotel," Pitt-street, Sydney, and Penkivil-street, Bondi, specialist and medical practitioner, respectively, and in the separate estate of RICHARD WALLACE (Nos. 17,908 and 17,912), a first account and first plan of distribution, showing payment of two preferential claims in full and a dividend of fifteen shillings in the £ on all proved concurrent debts, and a balance of 4/6 1d carried forward to the credit of the estate.
JOHN THOMAS APPLEBY, of Newcastle, electrician (No. 17,988), a first account and first plan of distribution, showing payment of two preferential claims in full and a dividend of fourpence seventeen thirty-seconds of a penny in the £ on all proved concurrent debts.

Also, account current only in the undermentioned estates:—
17,997. JAMES JOSEPH HUTCHISON, 26 Carlton-terrace, Summer Hill, storekeeper.
18,021. GEORGE WATSON, of Kurri Kurri, miner.
18,004. WILLIAM JAMES STANLEY, Rylstone, hairdresser.
18,006. JOHN LANGTRY, Finley, farmer and contractor.
18,020. EDWIN FARRANT SMITH, of Holt-avenue, Mosman, commercial traveller.
18,028. WILLIAM EPPLESTUN, of Timbong, near Delegate, labourer.
18,077. PATRICK BARRETT, of 81 Park-street, Camperdown, fencer.
18,094. RICHARD SAMUEL MORRIS, of 15 Nicholson-street, Balmain, carpenter.
WILLIAM HARRINGTON PALMER,
Official Assignee.
47 Elizabeth-street, Sydney, 18th May, 1909.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of THOMAS LAURIE, late of Nowendoc, in the State of New South Wales, Grazier, deceased.—Notice is hereby given that the accounts in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Chancery square, Sydney, and all persons having any claim on the said Estate, or being otherwise interested therein, are hereby required to come in before me at my said office, on or before the twenty-fourth day of June, at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon, and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto; otherwise if the said accounts be not objected to the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. And Notice is also hereby given that on the allowance of the said accounts by the Court, commission will be applied for on behalf of the Executors. Dated this nineteenth day of May, in the year 1909. T. W. GARRETT (L.S.), Registrar. HOOKE and MEIN, Proctors for the Executors, Dungog. By their Agents: BOWMAN and MACKENZIE, 279 George-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of HARRIET WHITE, late of Marrickville, in the State of New South Wales, Married Woman, deceased. NOTICE is hereby given that the accounts in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Chancery square, Sydney, and all persons having any claim on the said Estate, or being otherwise interested therein, are hereby required to come in before me at my said office, on or before the 21st day of June, 1909, at 12 o'clock noon, and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto; otherwise if the said accounts be not objected to the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. Dated this 19th day of May, in the year one thousand nine hundred and nine. A. W. E. WEAVER, Registrar. A. W. E. WEAVER, Proctor for the Executor, Australasia chambers, Martin place, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of MICHAEL VAUGHAN, late of near Obley, in the State of New South Wales, Farmer and Grazier, deceased.—NOTICE is hereby given that the first and final Accounts in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Chancery-square, Sydney, and all persons having any claim on the said Estate, or being otherwise interested therein, are hereby required to come in before me at my said office on or before the twenty-fourth day of June next, at twelve o'clock noon, and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto; otherwise the said accounts will be examined by me and passed according to law. Dated this 19th day of May, A.D. 1909. W. GARRETT (L.S.), Registrar. BOOTH and BOOTH, Proctors for the Executor, Dubbo. By their Agents, COLQUHOUN and BASSETT, 164 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of WILLIAM HENRY BROWNING, late of Woodcroft, near Barraba, in the State of New South Wales, Selector, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to THOMAS MORAN, of Woodcroft, Labourer, the sole Executor named in the said Will. And all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned; and all persons having any claims against the estate of the said deceased are required to send particulars thereof to the undersigned within the time aforesaid. E. O. PROSSER, Proctor for the Executor, Barraba. By his Agents, HOWMAN and MACKENZIE, 279 George-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of THOMAS FERENCH (in the said Will called and known as THOMAS FERENCH), late of Ballalluka, near Braidwood, in the State of New South Wales, Grazier, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to PAUL JOSEPH FERENCH and JOHN FERENCH, the Executors in the said will named. All persons having any claim against the said deceased are hereby required to send particulars of the same within such fourteen days to the undersigned; and all notices may be served at the same address. JOHN ARTHUR GEE, Proctor for Executors, Braidwood. By his Agent, T. MICHELL, 98 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of KATE WITTMAN, late of Boulder, in the State of Western Australia, Married Woman, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the Will of the abovenamed deceased, granted to JOSEPH ANDREW WITTMAN by the Supreme Court of Western Australia, in its Probate Jurisdiction, be resealed with the Seal of the Supreme Court. And all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned, to whom all creditors are requested to send in particulars of their claims within the time aforesaid. FRANK HOUSE and JEAN-NERET, Proctors for the Executor, 15 Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of EDWARD RAINE, late of Ashfield, in the State of New South Wales, Drover, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the bonis non of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to EDWARD JOHN RAINE, the Son of the said deceased. And all notices may be served on the undersigned applicant at Iona Cottage, Tennyson-road, Leichhardt.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of ISABELLA WYATT, late of Surry Hills, in the State of New South Wales, Widow, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to ANDREW WYATT, the Son of the said deceased; and all notices may be served on the applicant at 545 King-street, Newtown.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of MARY DRUMMOND CODDER MORRISON, late of Tintern-road, Ashfield, near Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, Married Woman, deceased.—Pursuant to the Wills, Probate, and Administration Act, 1898, Notice is hereby given that all Creditors and other persons having any claims upon or against the said deceased, interested in, the Estate of the abovenamed deceased (who died at Ashfield aforesaid, on the eighth day of March, 1909) are hereby required to send in full particulars of their claims to the undersigned, the Proctor for the Executor of the Will of the said deceased, before the seventh day of July next, after which date the said Executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard to the claims of which he shall then have notice; and the said Executor shall not be liable for the assets, or any part thereof, so distributed to any person, of whose claim he shall not have had notice at the time of such distribution. Dated this nineteenth day of May, 1909. ROBSON and COWLISHAW, Proctors for the Executor, City Bank-chambers, 164 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of THOMAS BUTTS, late of North Wagga Wagga, in the State of New South Wales, Landholder, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to ELLEN BUTTS, of North Wagga Wagga aforesaid, the Widow of the said deceased, and ROBERT BUTTS, of the same place, Labourer, a Son of the said deceased, the Executrix and Executor named in the said Will named. And all notices may be served at the office of, and all claims against the Estate of the said deceased are required to be rendered forthwith to the undersigned Proctor, or his Sydney Agents. W. M. J. WALSH, Proctor for Executrix and Executor, Wagga Wagga. Agents, Messrs. MCDONELL and MOFFITT, Solicitors, George and Wynyard streets, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of WILLIAM HENRY HOGAN, late of Woodstock, near Bathurst, in the State of New South Wales, Farmer, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to WILLIAM JAMES HOGAN, a Son of the said deceased, and that the usual Administration Bond may be dispensed with. All persons having any claims against the said Estate are required to send in particulars thereof within the time stated above to the undersigned, where all notices may be served. G. S. BEEBY and MOFFATT, Solicitors, 44 Elizabeth-street, Sydney.

IN THE INDUSTRIAL COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES. Application No. 270 of 1909.—In the Matter of an application by THE NEW SOUTH WALES OPERATIVE BAKERS' ASSOCIATION for the constitution of a Board for the Industry of Bread-making throughout that districts comprised within the following boundaries:—Commencing at the east boundary of Manly, thence in a north-westerly direction to Hornsby, thence in a south-westerly direction to Sutherland, and thence to the north-eastern headland of Botany Bay and thence to the point of commencement at Manly; and shall include the Municipality of Manly and the Townships of Hornsby, Emu Plains, Sutherland, and Liverpool.—NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Court at the Courthouse, Queen's-square, Sydney, on the twenty-eighth day of May, A.D. 1909, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, or so soon thereafter as the Court may hear the application, for the constitution of a Board for the Industry of Breadmaking throughout the districts comprised within the following boundaries:—Commencing at the east boundary of Manly, thence in a north-westerly direction to Hornsby, thence in a south-westerly direction to Sutherland, and thence to the north-eastern headland of Botany Bay, and thence to the point of commencement at Manly; and shall include the Municipality of Manly and the Townships of Hornsby, Emu Plains, Sutherland, and Liverpool. Dated this nineteenth day of May, A.D. 1909. P. G. HALLIDAY, Secretary of the New South Wales Operative Bakers' Association.

PURSUANT to an Order of the Chancery Division of the High Court of Justice, dated the 8th day of February, 1906, made in the Matter of the Trusts of the Will of ROBERT THOMPSON DE MAID, deceased, dated the 16th October, 1883, Kimbell v. Hellen, 1908, D No. 9934, the following inquiry is directed, viz.:—An inquiry whether DAWSON DE MAID, the residuary legatee named in the said Will of Robert Thompson De Maid, deceased, is living or dead, and if dead when he died, and who is the legal personal representative (if any). Notice is hereby given that the said Dawson De Maid, or if he be dead the person or persons claiming to be his legal personal representative or representatives, is or are, by her or their Solicitors, on or before the 1st day of October, 1909, to come in and prove his, her, or their claims at the Chambers of Mr. Justice SWINFEN EADY and Mr. Justice NEVILLE, at Room 709, the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, or in default thereof he, she, or they respectively will be peremptorily excluded from the benefit of the said Order.

Thursday, the 14th day of October, 1909, at 12 o'clock at noon, at the said chambers, is appointed for adjudicating upon the said claims.
Dated this 30th day of March, 1909.
(L.S.). SPENCER WHITEHEAD, Master.
MAPLES, TEESDALE, and CO., 6 Frederick-place, Old Jewry, London, E.C., Agents for SYDNEY MITCHELL and CHATTOCK, of Birmingham, Solicitors for the Plaintiff.
NOTE.—The said Dawson De Maid is a Nephew of the abovenamed Robert Thompson De Maid, and is believed to have resided for some time in Melbourne, and also at 72 York-street, Sydney, New South Wales, and was last heard of in or about the year 1877.

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LEGAL NOTICES.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.
IN BANKRUPTCY.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
Accounts with plans of distribution in the undermentioned estates, showing dividends as specified, are now filed in the office of the Registrar in Bankruptcy, Citizens'-chambers, Moore-street, Sydney, for the inspection of persons interested; and notice is hereby given that such accounts and plans will be

AUCTION SALES.

INGLIS' BAZAAR.

THIS DAY, AT 10.30 A.M.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 10.30 sharp,

Vans, Springcarts, Horses, and Harness; Draught Horses, Tipcarts, Horses and Harness; and at 11 a.m., Horses and Vehicles of every description, specially advertised. Tel., 1231.

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Bay Draught Gelding, any trial, Tip-dray, and Harness, in good repair.

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WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. J. Meader to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,

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WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,

Upstanding Chestnut Gelding, 6 yrs., suit a cab or business cart; also Brown Pony Gelding, both broken to harness.

8. AND H. PONY, FROM GERRINGONG.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. J. P. Johnstone, Gerringong, to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,

Bay Pony, 6 yrs., by Robert Emmett (Irish hunter), thoroughly broken to saddle and harness; trial.

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WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. W. T. Waters to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, Thursday, at 12 o'clock,

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NEXT SATURDAY, MAY 22nd.

BANKSTOWN STATION ESTATE.

SUBDIVISION SALE, ON GROUND, AT 2. HIGH LAND. CHEAP LAND. BIG BLOCKS. RETURN TICKETS, 6d EACH, FOR SALE DAY, from

VENDORS: INTERCOLONIAL INVESTMENT CO., LTD., 14 Moore-street, City.

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SALVAGE. SALVAGE.

TO-MORROW, FRIDAY,
at 12 noon.

CLEMENT-TALBOT MOTOR-CAR,

FOR SALE BY AUCTION, WITHOUT RESERVE,

AT McNEILL'S GARAGE,
121 CASTLEREAGH-STREET,

under instructions from
THE FIRE ASSESSORS.

CLEMENT-TALBOT MOTOR-CAR,
12-horse power, to carry 5 persons,
with Lamps, Tools, etc.
(lately driven by Robert Walker, Esq.).

MAY BE INSPECTED FROM 9 O'CLOCK ON FRIDAY MORNING.

S. H. HARRIS AND COMPANY
WILL SELL THE ABOVE, WITHOUT RESERVE,
TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, AT NOON.

THIS DAY, THURSDAY, 20th MAY,
AT THE CITY MART, 8 SPRING-STREET,
AT 11.30 A.M.

BY ORDER OF THE CONSIGNEES.

15 Cases TINNED SHEETS, each 3cwt, viz.—
7 Cases 72 x 30 x 20.
5 Cases 72 x 30 x 24.
3 Cases 72 x 36 x 24.

50 Bales PARCHMENT BROWN PAPER, 29 x 45.
20 Bales KRAFT BROWN PAPER, 36 x 48.
10 Bales (DRAPERS') CAP PAPER, 20 x 30.

37,500 NEW RIVAL AND CLUB CARTRIDGES, 12 Gauge.

40 Rolls "HYDREX" WATER-PROOF BUILDING PAPER.
10 Rolls "NEPONSET" BLACK BUILDING PAPER.
9 Rolls "COTED" BLACK BUILDING PAPER.

6 Gross SHAVO CREAM.

2 Cases ARMY AND NAVY GLUE.
2 Cases RUST PREVENTING OIL.
1 Case RUST-REMOVING PASTE.
1 Cases OIL FEEDERS.
1 Case IODELITE.
1 Case MICA RELEASE.
1 Case MICALINE.
3 Cases SPRAYING PUMPS.

ON ACCOUNT OF WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, WITH ALL FAULTS.

178 Boxes Dates.
3 Kegs CARB. SODA, each 3cwt.
1 Keg TARTARIC ACID.
1 Case HYPO SULPHATE OF SODA.

1 Case BOOKBINDERS' WIRE.
1 Case KEROSENE SAFETY LAMPS.

Ex SUFFOLK.

19 Reams 27 x 34 CREAM-LAID PAPER.

FRASER, UTHER, AND CO., LTD., will sell by auction the above.

AUCTION SALE,

THIS DAY, THURSDAY, 11 a.m. sharp,

AT

22 OXFORD-STREET, CITY
(nearly opposite Mark Foy's).

Under instructions from Messrs. SHINFIELD BROS., who are relinquishing business.

The Whole of their STOCK of High-class PICTURES, OIL PAINTINGS, ENGRAVINGS, LANDSCAPES, SCENES, etc., etc., etc., to the number of 500, will be offered, ABSOLUTELY WITHOUT RESERVE, as the Stock must be Cleared Out.

NOTE.—All the above Lot of Pictures are handsomely Framed in the Latest Styles.

Also,

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The attention of Art Dealers and those requiring good Pictures to beautify their homes is specially called to this Sale.

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GIBBS, SMITH, AND CO.,
GENERAL AUCTIONEERS,
119 BATHURST-STREET.

TEL., 20 CITY.

AUCTION SALE,

AT THE ROOMS, 119 BATHURST-STREET.

FRIDAY, MAY 21st,

AT 11 A.M. SHARP.

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND EFFECTS, UNDER B/S.

Wardrobes, Combinations, Bedroom Suites, Dining and Drawing Room Suites, Bedsteads, Chairs, Tables, Crockery, Plate, Glassware, E. P. Ware, Pictures, etc., etc., etc., Linoleum, Hall Lamp, and Extension Table, Office Tables.

TERMS CASH. NO RESERVE.

GIBBS, SMITH, AND CO.,
FURNITURE AND GENERAL AUCTIONEERS,
119 BATHURST-STREET.

TEL., 20 CITY.

THIS DAY, MAY 20th, at 11 a.m.
At the CENTRAL AUCTION ROOMS, 274 Pitt-street.
Under Imperative Instructions.

MEN'S SUITS, MEN'S FELT HATS.

A. G. JENKINS will sell as above THIS MORNING.

UNREDEEMED PLEDGES.

THIS DAY, May 20th, at 11 a.m.

A. G. JENKINS will sell by Auction, at his Rooms, 274 Pitt-street, the Unredeemed Pledges pawned with Mr. W. R. M'Farlan at his Office, Riley-street, Surry Hills, consisting of
Men's and Women's Wearing Apparel, etc.

BUILDING MATERIALS.

Materials of the old TOLLBAR COTTAGE, situated on the Junction of the
RANDWICK and BUNNERONG ROADS,
KENSINGTON,
will be sold BY PUBLIC AUCTION

THIS DAY, THURSDAY, AT 11 A.M.,
comprising
200 LOADS DIMENSION STONE,
Hardwood Joists and Rafters, 6 x 2, 4 x 2½,
500ft Hardwood Flooring, 6 x 1, Battens, W.C. Fittings,
500ft Painted LINING, Bedframes and SASHES,
200ft Picket Fencing, 100ft Sawn Paling Fence,
Panel and Ledge DOORS, Reg. GRATE,
200ft Waterpipe, 2in and ¾ Brass Taps,
5000 BRICKS, Coal Dress, D. Piping, R'capping,
200 sheets good GALVD. CORR. IRON,
Gates, Airbricks, Gasfittings, lot of SUNDRIES.

A. BARNETT AND PUGH
have been instructed to sell every line,
WITHOUT RESERVE. TERMS CASH.
Auct's. Office: 92 Queen-street, Woollahra. T., 639 E.

AUCTION SALE, BUILDING MATERIALS,
Near the Intersection of
COULBURN-STREET and CASTLEREAGH-STREET,
the Materials of 14 rooms will be sold
BY PUBLIC AUCTION,
TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, AT 11 A.M.

1000ft B.W. Joists and Rafters, 6 x 2, 4 x 2½, 4 x 3
1000ft H'WOOD FLOORING, 6 x 1, and Battens,
500ft LINING, Oregon DOORS, Sashes, Boxframes
200 Sheets GAL. IRON, D. Piping, R'capping,
SASHES, CASEMENTS, DOORS, LINING, STAIRS
Large quantity Boards, 12 x 1, and SUNDRIES.

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have been instructed to sell Every Line,
ABSOLUTELY WITHOUT RESERVE. TERMS CASH.

THIS DAY, AT 2 O'CLOCK,
HENRY LEVY will sell by auction, at 93 George-st W., Clothing, Un'clothing, Boots, Drapery, Crockery, and Sundry Jewellery, etc. No Reserve.

ORDER OF SALE.

CITY, SUBURBAN, AND COUNTRY PROPERTIES, to be offered
FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION,
in the Rooms, 86 Pitt-street, at 11.30 a.m.,
THIS DAY, THURSDAY.

DARLING POINT.—One of SYDNEY'S HISTORICAL FAMILY MANSIONS, known as "SWIFTS," on the DARLING POINT-ROAD, with about 3¾ acres. TORRENS.

RANDWICK, corner of BELMORE-ROAD and HIGH-STREET. Detached Stone Residence, known as STRATHEDEN, with about 1½ acre. TORRENS.

CITY.—SUBSTANTIALLY CONSTRUCTED FACTORY or STORE PREMISES, Nos. 6 and 8 BRUMBY-STREET, just off ELIZABETH-STREET, near Devonshire-street.

LEICHHARDT.—Two LARGE SHOPS, with Dwellings, Nos. 387-389 PARRAMATTA-ROAD, and Wooden Dwelling, No. 82 JARRETT-STREET, at rear.

LEICHHARDT, on TAVERNER'S HILL, opposite Andrews-street.—LARGE PREMISES, suitable for Factory, Coachbuilder, etc. TORRENS.

LEICHHARDT, corner of FLOOD-STREET and LORD'S ROAD.—Land, 80ft to Flood-street, with depth through to George-street. TORRENS.

LEICHHARDT, in JAMES-STREET.—A Building Site, having 20ft to JAMES-STREET x 100ft. adjoining No. 108. TORRENS.

LEICHHARDT, HILL-STREET.—Land, with frontage of 30ft, situate between Nos. 29 and 33 Hill-street.

CAMPSIE, WORDING-STREET, near Station.—MODERN RUSTICATED WEATHERBOARD COTTAGE. TORRENS.

CAMPSIE.—GOOD BUILDING LAND, with frontage of 60ft. to BROWNING-STREET, fenced. TORRENS.

ENMORE, in EDGEWARE-ROAD, near James-street.—Two Detached Double-fronted Cottages, known as "NEWCASTLE." TORRENS.

KELLYVILLE.—A WELL-PLANTED ORCHARD PROPERTY, with comfortable Weatherboard Cottage and numerous outhouses. TORRENS.

DOUBLE BAY.—A Good Building Site in RESERVE-STREET, close to Bay-street, 50ft x 100ft.

BLACKHEATH, NEAR THE TOWNSHIP, with a frontage to two Government roads, 33a 1r 36p.

HAWKESBURY RIVER, KANGAROO POINT.—Lot 5, George Peat's Subdivision, area 2a 2r 15p; also Lot 2, area 2r 14p.

HAWKESBURY RIVER, FAIRVIEW.—Lot 2, of a Subdivision of George Peat's 40 and 45 acres Grant, area 22a 3r; also Lot 4, PEAT'S HEIGHT, area 10 acres; also Lot 6, area 1a 3r, with Cottage.

HAWKESBURY RIVER, GREEN POINT.—Lot 2, of Subdivision of 30 acres of James Brennan's Grant, area 2a 3p; also Lot 8, area 10 acres.

HAWKESBURY RIVER, TOOTOOGARAGAH.—Lot 3, of Subdivision of George Peat's 40-acre Grant, area 12a 2r 29p.

IN BANKRUPTCY.
By order of C. F. W. LLOYD, Esq. Estate of SAMUEL BOX.

LEURA.—60 Acres of Land, about 14 mile from LEURA PLATFORM, having 880 feet frontage to MT. HAY-ROAD.

RAINE AND HORNE,
AUCTIONEERS.

ORDER OF SALE.

SHARES,
CITY AND SUBURBAN PROPERTIES,
to be
SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION,
at the Rooms, Pitt-street, at 11.30 a.m.
TO-MORROW (FRIDAY).

SHARES.—100 (£4 fully paid up) in Hill, Dickinson, and Magill, Ltd., Wholesale Ironmongers, Sydney.

DOUBLE BAY.—Corner Land, Bay and Cross streets, with 2 Cottages, "Edna" and "Brunswick," Edward-street, thereon. Leasehold. Executors' Sale.

CAMPERDOWN.—Cottage and Vacant Land, No. 7 Edna and Church streets, in 1 or 2 lots.

MOSMAN.—Cottage, "Benarie," Thompson-street, nearly opposite Ruby-street.

RANDWICK.—Residence, "Springfield," Francis and Cook streets.

CHATSWOOD.—Cottage, Neridah-street, close to Johnson-street. Mortgagees' Sale.

DITTO.—Allotment, Violet-street, off Anderson street. Mortgagee's Sale.

BALMAIN.—Residence, "Seaborn House," No. 22 Ewell-street.

KOGARAH.—Allotment, Rocky Point road and Targo-road.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd.

100 SHARES (£4 each fully paid) in Hill, Dickinson, and Magill, Ltd., Wholesale Ironmongers, Sydney.

Auction Sale at the Rooms, 98 Pitt-street,
THIS DAY, THURSDAY, AT 11.30 A.M.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd.

MANLY HEIGHTS.—CLEARVIEW ESTATE, on the new Spit to Manly Tram Line.—100 Choice Lots for Auction Sale NEXT SATURDAY, at 3 p.m. 2 years' terms. Coaches meet boats, 1.30, 2, and 2.30.

ERNEST C. V. BROUGHTON and SHENSTONE and SON, Auctioneers.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT, holden at Sydney.—No. of Plaint, 670 of 1908. No. of Warrant, 74 of 1909. HENRY MEISTER, Plaintiff, and FRANCIS C. SENDALL, Defendant.—ON THURSDAY, the 20th day of May, 1909, at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon, pursuant to a Writ of Execution issued in this action, unless the same be previously satisfied, the goods and chattels of the abovenamed Defendant, viz., Goods of a Tinsmith, will be sold by public auction, at 575 George-street, Sydney.

Dated this 19th day of May, 1909.

J. BISHOP,
Bailiff.

FOR Evening Wear, Satin Court Shoes, all colours, 2s 9½d pair, at Joe Gardiner's, Oxford and Geo. sts.

SATURDAY WEEK, MAY 29, RICKARD'S AUCTION, Railway Works' Estate, Clyde. Big frontages, great depths.

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£10 worth, 10s deposit, 5s 6d weekly.
£15 worth, 20s deposit, 5s weekly.
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TERMS: £1 down, 10s month.

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ROSE BAY. Handy to Tram, Beach, Baths. Substantially-built Brick Villa, skilfully designed, nicely finished, stone foundation, drawing, dining, breakfast rooms, 3 bedrooms, kitchen, usual offices, 3 verandahs, fine site, easterly aspect, £650. A low price.
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ON THE LAND.

FARM AND STATION.

THE LAND HUNGER.

It is regrettable that there appears a tendency amongst members of the Government and the Liberal party to deprecate the demand for land that undoubtedly exists in this State. Since his accession to office the Premier has been inclined to question the genuineness of the land hunger. At the Liberal conference this attitude was again noticeable. The Minister for Lands appears to echo his chief's ideas, and Sir Joseph Carruthers also speaks of "a belief that exists, partly owing to the rush to gamble in Crown lands, that there was an enormous land hunger." These gentlemen all lay stress upon the fact of the existence of a speculative element to discount the strength of the demand for land. That this element has existed cannot be denied. It is the fault of successive Governments that it was ever allowed to exist at all, and then allowed to continue. It is a small percentage in any case, and the attitude of responsible Ministers in harping upon it will not be relished in our country districts.

No man can travel through New South Wales without learning beyond doubt that a genuine demand exists for land, and that in its settlement depends the future prosperity of this State. The natural increase in the ranks of our farmers' families alone accounts for a demand for land that is not met so far by Parliament. Farmers' sons coming to manhood naturally look to a home for themselves, and politicians would be wiser in keeping this desirable class of settler more in mind than in deducing so much from the percentage of bogus applicants. As a result of failure on the part of Parliament to thoroughly grasp the genuineness of this demand, a constant stream of our young farmers are trekking to Queensland. Mr. Wade has only to obtain a list of the number of men from this State that have settled in the north within the last three or four years to be convinced of the fact that, despite the gambling element, the demand for land is urgent. It may be argued that land is available at a cheaper rate in Queensland, and hence the influx. The reply is, are our lawmakers to remain satisfied with that position? Given anything like fair prospects, men will stop in their own country, for the strongest influence in rural life is the love of the accustomed. It is more than a sentimental influence for the practical farmer knows that he is safer where he understands the conditions of soil and climate.

But there is still more behind the demand than that of the natural expansion of the farming world. The last few years have seen a marked revival of the "Go on the land" feeling of some 15 years ago. And the reason is not far to seek. Almost every country town in this State has found its progress checked, its expansion curbed. Men starting in business and growing up with these towns have found that instead of the constant progress to be expected in an undeveloped country, these comparatively young towns have become old and stale. They have come to a standstill, then often gone back. The business man contrasting the gradual contraction in his turnover with the perpetual improvement of the past, naturally looks for the reason, and finds it in the landlocked conditions and want of increase in settlement on the land locally. In other towns it is the pitiable story of a greatness departed. Somnolent, sleepy centres can tell a history of a one-time prosperity and bustle. Yet the district is as good as ever, and often railway communication and other facilities to progress are infinitely better. The inquirer finds that the prosperity was in the days when under the old Land Act the district was taken up by selectors; stagnation followed as the selections were slowly absorbed by great sheepwalks. The cause and effect were easily noticed by the towns affected. Hence the demand for settlement to-day; a demand which so far has not been met by any means.

That there is a demand is proved by the success in most cases of State land resumptions. Where there has been failure it is due to the bad choice of the resumption, not to the demand. When there is a resumption of suitable land at a price that will give the settler a chance, Mr. Wade will find the landhunger real enough, even if the speculative element is absolutely wiped out. Where heavy law expenses and other costs put the price of the land beyond a profitable margin, there will be no demand, for the landseeker, no matter how keen his hunger, is not a fool. He is not going to take on a liability that he knows he cannot successfully cope with. Nor does the State want him to. If these resumptions cannot be made at a satisfactory figure and with sufficient celerity, it is the duty of the Government to find some other way. Then in regard to landhunger, it must be remembered that such resumptions only cater to a portion of the men that want to go on the land. Others, of a most suitable type, have not the capital to take up land under the accompanying conditions. They are compelled to try to get a piece of unalienated Crown land, and the ballots for these tell the story of the landhunger. Last Monday the Wagga Land Board considered 211 applications lodged for four blocks of land made available as conditional purchase leases. Yet on the same day, speaking in Sydney, Mr. Wade claimed that the Government had entirely eliminated the gambling element. Therefore either Mr. Wade is unduly optimistic when he makes that claim, or he is laying a stress upon the gambling element in its relation to the land-hunger that is not warranted. In either case, the vast majority of the people in our country districts would be better pleased to think that the Government was inclined more to magnify the land-hunger than to discount it, and meantime the peculiar thing is that while the Premier adopts this strain, he at the same time makes boast of the active steps that the Government is taking to meet the demand for settlement. Is the doubt created concerning the demand for land intended to counteract the pretty general feeling that those steps have not been active enough?

ITEMS.

On Saturday Messrs. Daigety and Co., Ltd., shipped to Melbourne to the order of Mr. Thomas Robinson, of Ivanhoe, a three-months-old Ayrshire bull calf, from the Mowbray Park stud Marigold's Lad, sired by Lad O' Kyle, from Marigold II., of Glenelra, one of the heaviest milkers of Mowbray Park. He was selected by Mr. Robinson from an inspection of his parents.

Professor Lowrie points out that sheep are not the best judges of what is good for them. On pastures and various fodder crops they may neglect the fattening plants to eat others that are more palatable, and this suggests intelligent supervision.

The outlook for the viticultural industry in the Corowa district is far from reassuring. It is known that phylloxera has made its appearance in more than one vineyard, near the township, and one prominent grower asserts that within the next 10 years there will not be a European vine growing. The viticultural expert has for years urged upon growers the necessity of being prepared for phylloxera, but in no instance has a firm hand been taken, and now the position has been rendered extremely critical by reason of the inability of the Government to supply either resistant stocks or cuttings, one local grower having secured this reply to an application for 10,000 cuttings.

Corowa vignerons considered the Howlong Viticultural Nursery a failure, owing to the inability of the Government to supply resistant stocks or cuttings, as the nursery was established for that purpose. They also hold that the Department of Agriculture should not have advertised cuttings for sale when it had none to supply.

The work of the Viticultural Department of this State does not compare well with that of Victoria, where there are upwards of 200,000 phylloxera-resistant cuttings and stocks available for the season's planting. In Victoria growers can import their own resistant stocks at a cost under £3 per 1000, landed. In the Rutherglen district growers who had their vines attacked, have generally reconstructed their areas.

Regulations under the Vine and Vegetation Diseases (Fruit Pests) Act of 1906 were published in the "Government Gazette" issued yesterday.

The Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Co., Ltd., Sydney, have recently completed the following sales:—Camden station, situated in the Cunnamulla district of Queensland, comprising an approximate area of 78,000 acres, to Messrs. Porter, of Forbes; and (in conjunction with Mr. S. Donaldson), Munderoo station, situated near Tumbarumba, an area of 5104 acres freehold and 1776 acres conditional purchase land, to Messrs. M'Micking and Heinecke, of Tumberumba.

AUSTRALIAN APPLES IN LONDON.

LONDON, May 19.
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CANOWINDRA DISTRICT.

RAPID DEVELOPMENT.

In the Canowindra district during the last couple of years large estates have been cut up, and the result is a fine example of the benefit of closer settlement. The first estate subdivided was Bangaroo, which embraced a great portion of the Belubula River flats, recognised as splendid lucerne and maize land. The land was previously a sheep walk, the river country producing nothing but thistles. Now hundreds of acres are growing wheat, lucerne, and other crops, and supporting dozens of prosperous settlers. The land has increased 50 per cent. in value, and more in some cases. In some instances farmers who purchased land at £6 an acre have since refused £35 and £40 an acre. Several other estates have been similarly dealt with, and the increase in the area under agriculture has been almost phenomenal. A few years ago only about 10,000 acres were cultivated, while this year about 40,000 will be under some kind of crop. It is all superior wheat country, the average yield for the past 10 years being 16 bushels per acre. The carrying capacity of the whole district is about one and a half sheep to the acre; while in places as many as three to the acre are carried. Dairy-farming has not yet been adopted, but it is generally recognised there is a big future for it when established. There is a very large area of river and creek flats upon which lucerne can be easily established, and the returns without irrigation are up to six or seven crops a year, and each cutting averages from 30cwt to 2 tons per acre. With a guarantee of fodder dairying must be a success, and it is only the need of a butter factory which has kept farmers from taking up the industry. Besides lucerne, onions, and other crops, the flats are also peculiarly suited for maize-growing, and last year yields of over 100 bushels to the acre were obtained.

The first sod of the new line was turned last January, and it is expected the construction will be completed by March, 1910. Knowing that they will no longer be handicapped for want of railway facilities, farmers have commenced in a wholesale manner to put their land to its best use. Typical of the progress being made are the following instances:—Mr. Geo. Grant, who last year only had 700 acres under wheat, will, this season, have nearly 2000 acres cropped, having cleared over 1500 of new ground. Mr. Pengelley, a Bangaroo settler, has cleared 600 acres of his 800-acre farm. Mr. E. S. Wakefield has cultivated 400 acres, and planted it with lucerne, wheat, and rape. Another new settler, Mr. John Boordman, is sowing 1000 acres of wheat this season. Messrs. Traves Brothers, who last year had 800 acres under crop, will this year have double that area sown. Mr. W. Bassett has increased his wheat area to about 1000 acres. Mr. Peyton has cultivated 600 acres of his stud farm, 100 acres being planted lucerne. The wheat most favoured is Federation, which has greatly displaced Purple Straw.

Lucerne farmers are also increasing their crops area, and this year about 1600 acres of virgin soil will be sown with lucerne. Mr. W. Cobley, the well-known lucerne farmer, is putting an additional 300 acres under crop, making a total of 600 acres of lucerne.

Small farmers are commencing to experiment with what might prove more profitable crops. In one instance a farmer is sowing two acres of asparagus and 10 acres of onions, being thoroughly satisfied that the land is eminently adapted for both.

As a fruit-growing district, this in the near future should become most prominent, as all fruits, excepting citrus, grow to perfection. There are several vineyards, from which the owners yearly get splendid returns. As showing the prolific yield, a bunch was recently exhibited in the local show which turned the scales at 14lb. One former, Mr. Jas. Brown has given special attention to wine-making, which industry could be profitably taken up, and, no doubt, will be when the potentialities are better known.

BITTER PIT.

AN EXPERT'S RECOMMENDATION.

MELBOURNE.—The Government vegetable pathologist (Mr. M'Alpine) has at the request of the Minister for Agriculture (Mr. Graham) prepared a report upon bitter pit, a disease of apples, which has recently done a great deal of damage in Victoria. The disease, he says, exists in Victoria, New South Wales, South Australia, and Tasmania, and in other countries. It affects pears and quinces, but does most damage to the apple crops. Though bitter pit has been known to exist for at least 30 years Mr. M'Alpine says that scientists and orchardists are still ignorant of its real cause, and of any satisfactory cure for it. He suggests that it may be a constitutional disease, and urges that there should be a thorough investigation to determine its cause and the exact conditions under which it occurs. For this purpose he recommends that the four Australian States where the disease exists should together provide the money for the appointment of a skilled investigator to give the whole of his time to an experimental study of bitter pit in the orchard and the laboratory.

DEMAND FOR LAND.

WAGGA.—During the past two days the Wagga Land Board has been engaged in dealing with 211 applications lodged for four conditional purchase lease selections. Ballots were held on Wednesday morning, when the board admitted 157 to the ballot. The results were:—Portion 146, of 447 acres, parish Yarragundry, Tumbulgum River, 12 miles from Wagga, capital value £4 per acre, David Thomas Clark, of Yarragundry, near

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The Agricultural Columns this week are of universal interest. Apropos of the planting season, "Moirc" gives some kindly hints for wheat farmers. In the Dairy Section the same writer discusses the question of fodder conservation for dairies. The apathy displayed by Queensland in connection with the tick pest is clearly explained, and a chatty article on the exportation of horses is given. There are many other interesting topics freely discussed by various writers.

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LAW REPORT.

SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

IN BANCO.

(Before Mr. Justice Cohen, Mr. Justice Pring, and Mr. Justice Sly.)

ACTION FOR COMPENSATION.

Murray v Bellambi Coal Company.

Mr. Broomfield and Mr. D. G. Ferguson, instructed by Messrs. J. Stuart Thom Brothers and Co., appeared for the defendant company, and moved to make absolute a rule nisi to reduce the amount of the verdict found for the plaintiff, or grant a new trial, or to enter a nonsuit or verdict for the defendant company. Mr. G. H. Reid, K.C., and Mr. J. A. Browne, instructed by Messrs. G. S. Beeby and Moffatt, appeared for the plaintiff in support of the verdict.

The plaintiff, Patrick Murray, who was second mate of the defendant company's steamer Werfa, sustained a fracture of the left leg on June 6, of last year, while assisting in the shifting of the collier named from one position to another at Bellambi jetty, owing to a block carrying away. He charged defendants or their servants with negligence in using or supplying inefficient tackle, but the company denied that there was any negligence. The jury gave the plaintiff a verdict with damages £750, and defendants appealed on the grounds:—(1) That the verdict and findings of the jury were against evidence and the weight of evidence; (2) that there was no evidence of negligence on the part of the defendant company; (3) that there was no evidence of negligence on the part of any person in the employ of the defendant company for whose negligence the company was responsible; (4) that there was no evidence that the block was defective or not reasonably fit for the purpose for which it was used; (5) that plaintiff was not a workman other than a seaman within the meaning of the Act; (6) that the ship was not moored or at anchor receiving or discharging cargo, coals, ballast, or dunnage when the injury was caused to the plaintiff; (7) that there was no evidence that the plaintiff was ignorant of, or that the defendants knew or ought to have known, of the unfitness of the block.

Mr. Broomfield, in supporting the grounds of appeal, contended that there was no evidence to show how the block had failed under the strain put upon it, but the fact was established that not only had it been used without accident for a considerable time previously, but had been periodically overhauled, and was suitable for the purpose. As the plaintiff was not in the course of his usual employment under the terms of the Employers' Liability Act, the defendants were not liable under the Act. He cited in support of his argument Burr v Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, Ltd. (1907), 1 King's Bench Division, 544; Cribb v Kynch (1907), 2 K.B., 548; and Young v Hoffman (1907), K.B., 646.

Mr. Reid, on the other side, said that if the arguments urged on behalf of the appellants were carried to its logical conclusion, then if only one set of slings was in use while loading was going on, and an accident happened while the slings were empty, there could be no liability on the defendants. He cited Holmes v Great Northern Railway Company (1900), 2 Q.B.D., 409. He pointed out as a significant fact that the superintending engineer, whose duty it was to pass out the requisitions for materials, was not called. He visited the various vessels, and went over them periodically, and therefore he was precisely the witness the jury would require to help them in coming to a satisfactory conclusion. He submitted on both sides that these vessels of the company, when moored at the jetty, were exposed to the action of the sea. In certain seas no hook would hold, and, according ot the evidence of the captain of the Werfa, there was on this particular occasion a nasty run of sea, and it was getting worse. That being so, it was imperative that every precaution should have been taken in order to have sufficiently strong tackle for the work that had to be carried out.

The case stands part heard.

IN PROBATE.

(Before Mr. Justice Street.)

QUESTION OF A TESTATOR'S CAPACITY.

Dixon v Dixon (part heard).

Mr. Gordon, K.C., Mr. Harvey, and Mr. Flannery, instructed by Mr. P. J. O'Donnell, appeared for the plaintiffs; and Mr. R. H. L. Innes and Mr. Curlewis, instructed by Mr. T. O'Brien, for the defendants. This was a suit brought by Henry Rudolph Dixon and Walter Leslie Dixon against Thomas Alfred Dixon, Christina Mary Rawlings, and Elizabeth May Lavack, in regard to the will of Thomas Dixon, late of 29 Oxford-street. Plaintiffs in their statement of claim set out that on August 26, 1908, the late Thomas Dixon, being of sound and disposing mind, memory, and understanding, duly executed his last will and testament, appointing them his executors. He died on October 4 of the same year without having altered or revoked the will, and on October 7, 1908, plaintiffs advertised notice of their intention to apply for probate of the will. On the 16th of the same month defendants lodged a caveat against probate being granted, and the present suit was brought by the plaintiffs for the purpose of establishing the will and obtaining probate. The estate is valued at about £11,000.

The defendants, in reply, said that at the time that the testator executed the will he was not in sound or disposing mind, memory, and understanding, and that he did not duly or at all execute his last will and testament. They further alleged that the late Thomas Dixon at the time of the execution of the alleged will did not know or approve of the contents thereof.

The evidence in this suit was continued.

Chrissy Rawlings, examined by Mr. Innes, said she lived at Rosslyn Villa with her mother and old Mr. Dixon (testator). The first thing she noticed out of the common was on a Saturday in July, when Mr. Dixon said he wanted to get away from the police. On one occasion when he wanted to go out her mother asked testator to go to bed, but he refused, and struck her mother, who called for assistance. Witness went down and took him by the arm to get him to his room, when he threatened to throw her downstairs. He did not do so, and after a time testator went upstairs, and when her mother tried to coax him into his room he said that he wanted to get out, as the police were after him. They told him that he was mistaken. This occurred about 9 o'clock, and on other occasions he tried to get out. He stated during one of these attempts to leave the house that he had killed a woman. He tried to get out of the house every day, sometimes at midnight, and sometimes in the early morning. About July, just after the tram strike, testator about 7 o'clock one morning got out on to the balcony, but was coaxed back to his room by her mother, and during the struggle he said he came into their room, and said he wanted to remain there, as there was a man under the bed in his own room waiting to kill him. As witness could not induce him to go to his room she called her mother, who persuaded him to retire. This took place on more than one occasion. Once she heard Mr. Dixon tell her mother that if he could get to South Head he would board a boat for Melbourne, and gave as a reason for desiring to go away that the police were after him. More than once he said that the reason the police were after him was that he had killed a woman. One day during Fleet week her mother called her into testator's room, where he was crying, and her mother said that Mr. Dixon asserted that he had killed witness, and her mother wished her to assure him by her presence that he had not done so. On several occasions she heard testator accuse her mother of putting poison in his tea, pudding, and boiled eggs. He said that sometimes her mother would put the poison, sometimes witness, and at other times he accused Florrie. He stated that they wanted to get rid of him. Witness used to read the paper to testator every morning. At his request she first read the funerals, and when she got about half-way down the column he could stop her, and ask her to see if his execution was in the paper. He also wanted to know if there were many people at Darlinghurst to see him executed. That occurred on several occasions. Witness was told by him it was all nonsense about his execution, but he said it was true, and that he had murdered somebody. She read to him on and off up to the time of testator's death on November 4. Some time in August, or, perhaps, later, testator, while sitting on the balcony, said, referring to the balcony railings, that they were chains for keeping him in. He also said, alluding to a swing and pear tree on the lawn, that they were the gallows on which he was to be hanged. The swing was afterwards cut down, and the tree taken up.

Mr. Innes: Did you ever hear testator say anything about who were provided for?—Yes; several times.

Q.: Extending over what period?—From the latter end of May until about the end of August.

Q.: What did he say on any of these occasions?—He said in the presence of my mother, myself, and my sister, that he had left mother provided for.

Witness, continuing, said she remembered after Dr. Cassidy came to attend on Mr. Dixon that testator said on several occasions that he had left her mother provided for; that if witness and her sister were good to their mother he would see that they were provided for, and that he had left his grandsons provided for in the shop.

Cross-examined by Mr. Gordon: I suppose you have often heard testator talk sensibly?—Yes.

Q.: Right up to the time of his death?—No.

Q.: During what period before his death do you say he could not speak sensibly?—Not since July.

Q.: You say that since July you never heard testator talk sensibly?—Yes.

Q.: And that is what you tell the Court?—Yes.

Q.: From about July 25. What I mean is that he could not speak sensibly for more than a few minutes.

Q.: Could he speak sensibly right up to the time of his death?—Not that I know of.

Q.: Well, could he speak sensibly—I do not say for a long time—right up to the end of August, so that people could understand him?—Not in my presence.

Q.: When was the last time you heard the old man refer to the fact that your mother was provided for?—As far as I remember it was about the end of August.

Q.: You have no recollection of his saying anything like that after about the end of August?—No.

Q.: And did he make the statements you have spoken of to you, or in your presence, on different occasions from the end of May up to the end of August?—Yes. The last time I heard the testator tell my mother that he had done anything with writing was on August 26. It was in the back-room, and he said that his hands were tired, and that he had done a lot of writing. He did not say where, as far as I remember.

Elizabeth Pawley, widow, examined by Mr. Curlewis, gave evidence as to being called into testator's residence in July last in consequence of a young girl coming to her house next door crying bitterly, and saying that Mr. Dixon was threatening Mrs. Rawlings with a stick. When she went in and expostulated with Mr. Dixon he said he wanted to strike Mrs. Rawlings, and mark her face, though he did not say why. She persuaded him to go back to his room, and shortly afterwards he sent for her and Mrs. Rawlings, and asked to be forgiven. He said he was sorry, and did not know what he was doing. Witness told him that Mrs. Rawlings was completely worn out with him, and that he gave those in the house no rest.

Re Onofrio, an Italian fruiterer, carrying on business in Oxford-street, gave evidence that on a Wednesday, during the tram strike, he drove testator to his fruit shop, but when he reached there he would not get out of the vehicle. When requested several times to do so he merely shook his head. Witness then drove him back home, but even then he did not want to get out of the vehicle.

Charles Wood, of Ormond-street, Paddington, pattern-maker, gave evidence as to going to the assistance of Mrs. Rawlings on one occasion, when testator was flourishing an axe on the lawn.

Ernest Robert Abigail, solicitor, stated that he remembered a police court proceeding in which a Mrs. Emily Smith was concerned. Witness acted on that occasion for the complainant, Mrs. Smith, and the defendant was Mr. Dixon. Mr. O'Donnell appeared for Mr. Dixon; but witness could not say whether Mr. O'Donnell came to them and said that "Mr. Dixon was off his head;" or that "he did not know what he was doing," or that "he did all sorts of strange things, and was not responsible for his actions." He would not undertake to swear to the exact words.

Mr. Curlewis: Did he say anything to that effect, and, if so, what?

Mr. Gordon objected to the evidence being given in that way, and after argument his Honor allowed the evidence.

Witness said Mr. O'Donnell said he did not know why the old man struck the woman, that his family had a lot of trouble with him, and that they did not want the old man brought into Court. He could not give any more definite statement than that.

Thomas O'Brien, solicitor, said he had been in practice for 35 years. He had known testator for about 20 years, and on May 20 of last year he waited upon him in order to make his will. Testator, in answer to a question, said that witness was Mr. O'Brien, but when he told him he had come to make his will, and asked him to whom he wanted to leave his property, testator made no answer, though he asked him twice. He then told Mr. H. R. Dixon and Mrs. Rawlings that testator was not in a proper state to make a will, and he declined to make one for him. He called again next day, and asked testator to whom he intended to leave his property, and Mr. Dixon said, "To my eldest son." Witness then said, "Who is it?" And testator said, "Willy." Witness knew that testator had no elder son named Willy. He then asked him various questions, in order to ascertain if testator knew what he was doing, and from his answers he came to the conclusion that testator was utterly incapable of knowing the state of his family or those who had claims on him. Mr. H. R. Dixon said it would be a dreadful thing if the estate was left without a will. Mrs. Rawlings also appeared to be anxious on the subject, but witness said, "I certainly will not make the will. If you want a will you will have to get another solicitor." On May 22 he received a telephone message to attend Mr. Dixon on the next day. He did so, and found testator much better, and, after putting various questions to testator, he prepared a will and two codicils, which were duly executed.

The case stands part heard.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

(Before the Registrar.)

DISCHARGE.

Re Richard Hoskin. Debts being paid in full, motion to discharge sequestration order was allowed.

CERTIFICATE APPLICATION.

Re George John Horn (insolvency). The Registrar found that proper books were not kept; debts were contracted without reasonable or probable grounds of expectation of being able to pay; and an asset, consisting of an interest under his mother's estate was not disclosed, coming in in course of insolvency. Certificate refused.

SINGLE MEETING.

Re Antonio Comino. Bankrupt was further examined by the official assignee, and case was adjourned to June 2.

PUBLIC EXAMINATION.

Re Malcolm M'Lean. Examination was concluded.

INDUSTRIAL COURT.

CHEMISTS' ASSISTANTS.

In the Industrial Court, before Judge Heydon yesterday, an application was made on behalf of the Shop Assistants' (pharmaceutical) Board for the appointment of a chairman. Mr. Stuart Robertson appeared for the union, and Mr. Russell for the Pharmaceutical Society. It was decided that Mr. Justice Street or Judge Scholes should be appointed, or, failing either, any other Judge.

FURNITURE TRADES.

BOARD CONSTITUTED.

In the Industrial Court yesterday, before Judge Heydon, an application was made on behalf of the United Furniture Trades Society, by Mr. E. W. Cutter, secretary, for the constitution of a board for cabinet-makers, carvers, etc. Mr. Cutter said there were 70 members in the union, and not less than 20 in each branch of the industry.

Mr. H. E. Fulton appeared for the Picture-frame Makers' Employers' Association, asking for the exclusion of this industry from the board.

Mr. Kelynack, instructed by Mr. F. R. Cowper, appeared for various employers engaged in the manufacture of wire mattresses, to oppose the inclusion of the wire mattress-making industry.

Mr. Read appeared for the Furniture Manufacturers' Association of New South Wales to oppose the inclusion of the Woodworking machinists and others.

Mr. D. Levy, who appeared for a Chinese firm of furniture makers, offered no objection to the constitution of a board.

His Honor said he would recommend the constitution of a board, with one representative on each side, for cabinet-makers, chair and frame makers, carvers, pianoforte makers, french-polishers, wood turners, upholsterers, carpet planners, and makers of mattresses other than wire mattresses. The chairman of the board would deal with the other matters in the application.

In answer to his Honor Mr. Cutter said he strongly objected to the appointment of a Chinaman on the board, but hoped the Chinese would be made subject to the award.

Mr. Cutter was nominated employees' representative, Mr. G. Marwood employers' representative, and Mr. T. E. Spencer was agreed to as chairman.

On the application of the same society his Honor decided to recommend the constitution of a Wire Mattress-makers' Board for the industries of weavers, bench hands, and labourers throughout the State, the board to consist of two members, one representative from each side. Mr. E. W. Cutter was nominated as employers' representative, and Mr. T. G. Spencer was agreed on as chairman. The employers are to send in their nomination later.

DISTRICT COURT.

(Before Judge Murray.)

Charles John Royle, of Wahroonga, sued Robert A. C. Gibbings, of Neutral Bay, for £130 in connection with an alleged contract for the sale of a piece of land.

Mr. Pickburn (instructed by Mr. E. Trevor Jones) appeared for the plaintiff; Mr. Boyce (instructed by Mr. T. Arkins) for the defendant.

The claim was that a piece of land at Wahroonga was sold by the defendant to the plaintiff for £270, on the terms that upon the contract being signed plaintiff should pay a cash deposit of £10, and the balance on completion, and that the sale should be subject to the approval of the Court, within one calendar month from the date of the agreement, with an option of extension. All conditions were fulfilled to entitle the plaintiff to have the alleged premises conveyed out, but it was alleged that the contract was repudiated. Plaintiff claimed that he lost the use of the deposit paid over, and incurred expense in investigating the title and preparing the conveyance, and lost the profits he would have made on the land. It was alleged that after the making of the agreement it was pretended to the plaintiff that the Court would not consent to the sale, whereas no application had been made to the Court, but, on the contrary, the Court had, prior to the agreement, authorised the sale of the land for £250. The plaintiff was induced to return the deposit, and to proceed no further with the contract.

The defence was a general denial of the statements of the plaintiff.

Judgment was reserved.

QUARTER SESSIONS.

(Before Judge Backhouse and juries.)

THEFT OF MOTOR LAUNCH.

Mr. Herbert Harris, Crown Prosecutor.

Claude William Griffiths, a young man, was charged with stealing a motor launch, the property of Thomas Woore Frederick Busby. Accused conducted his own defence. At the previous sessions the jury disagreed.

The Crown case was that accused went for a trial run in the motor launch, and promised to let the owner know whether it suited. Accused did not do as he promised, and the launch was subsequently found at Blackwall.

The defence was that accused wrote the owner, stating that the launch was unsuitable, and would be returned. Griffiths produced a copy of the letter book, containing a number of letters alleged to have been sent to various firms, including one to the owner of the launch.

Mr. Harris, who called several witnesses to show that a number of letters in accused's book had not been received by their firms, submitted that no letter had been sent by accused to the owner of the launch, and the letters had been specially written by Griffiths for his own defence.

The jury returned a verdict of guilty, and Griffiths was remanded for sentence.

LAW NOTICES.

THURSDAY, MAY 20.

HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA.

At 10.30 a.m.—For judgment: Baxter v Ah way. For hearing: Baxter v Edward Merchant (part heard); Nicholson v Gander and others; Lever Brothers, Ltd., v Abrams.

SUPREME COURT.

Term List.—Motions generally. New trial motion: Murray v the Bellambi Coal Company, Ltd. (part heard). Motions, etc.: In re gent., one, etc., ex parte Incorporated Law Institute (to answer affidavits, etc.); ex parte William A. White (mandamus).

Prothonotary's Office.—Before the Prothonotary: Council of the Municipality of Rockdale v Board of Water Supply and Sewerage, 11 a.m.; Coomber v Scott, 2.15 p.m.

In Equity.—Before his Honor the Chief Judge in Equity, at 10 a.m.: Hamberger v Quinn (part heard).

Before his Honor Mr. Justice Street.—In No. 1 Jury Court, at 10 a.m.: Farmers and Settlers' Co-operative Society Ltd. (part heard).

Before the Deputy Registrar, 11.—Minister for Works v Hardy, to tax costs; same v same, ditto; same v same, ditto.

Probate Jurisdiction.—The following accounts will be taken at the Probate Office:—Gustave Rypens, 10.15; John Calman, 10.30; Thomas Joseph Ryan, 11; Lovick Tyrrell, 11.30; F. J. Bull, 12; Francis Phillip Kuhn, 12.30.

DISTRICT COURT.

Before his Honor Judge Murray.—At 10 a.m.: Rochford v Millam, Systrum v Derrick.

Before the Registrar, in No. 2 Court.—At 10.30 a.m.: Cousins v Geoghegan. At 10.30 a.m.: Spring v Staell.

INDUSTRIAL COURT.

Probate Court, Queen's-square.—Before his Honor Judge Heydon.—At 10 a.m.: New South Wales Typographical Association, for constitution of board. At 12 noon: Re Trolly, Draymen (Newcastle) Board, for leave to appeal.

Industrial Registrar's Office, Queen's-square.—Before the Industrial Registrar.—At 10.30 a.m.—For Hearing: Re Shop Assistants' Award. Appeals under clause 8: Re James P. Gilmour, Mrs. E. Hunt, and F. W. Emerton. At 11 a.m.: Same award. Misses L. Devine, K. Davidson, E. Lees, M. Walker, and B. P. Maloney. At 2.30 p.m.: New South Wales Operative Bakers' Association, application for board, for directions as to service.

SYDNEY QUARTER SESSIONS.

Denis Carney, breaking and entering and stealing; James Arthur Watson, conspiracy.

CUSTOMS INQUIRIES.

Before the Collector of Customs (Mr. J. Baxter).—At 10 a.m.: A. G. Watson (A. Newton and Co. Propy., Ltd), W. B. Macarthur (W. Branch Macarthur, Ltd.), contravention of section 234 (a).

ALLEGED HOUSE ROBBERIES.

EXCITING CAPTURE AT PETERSHAM.

AN ACCOMMODATING KEY.

At the Newtown Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Donaldson, S.M., Sydney Jackson, aged 21, and George Frederick Roberts, aged 24, both labourers, were charged with having on May 14 broken and entered the dwelling-house of William Henry Hughes, Harrington-street, and stolen goods value £4.

On a further charge of housebreaking at Petersham the accused were each remanded for one week.

William Henry Binskin, milk carter, of Regent-street, Newtown, stated that he went to serve milk at Mrs. Hughes' place that afternoon, and saw the two accused on the verandah of the house. Roberts said, "They can't be at home." Witness said, "I don't know." Witness continued serving his customers, and put the milk in a jug that had been left outside of the front door of Mrs. Hughes' house. After witness the two accused came out in Wemyss-street, and they turned into Schutzpol-street, and that was the last he saw of them. Witness then saw the police station. Witness knew Mrs. Hughes

BIRTHS.

CAMPBELL.—May 11, at North Adelaide, S.A., the wife of Mat. Campbell—a son.

MARRIAGES.

DOYLE—STAFFORD.—April 21, at St. Bede's Church, Werris Creek, by the Rev. Canon Renmuir, Bertram Robert Doyle (of Merriwa, Manning), third son of the late Robert F. Doyle (of Werriston, Werris Creek), to Margaret Pearl, youngest daughter of the late Edwin H. Stafford (of Picton, N.S.W.).

DEATHS.

BATES.—May 18, 1909, at her late residence, Wentworth-street, Clyde, Selina, widow of the late William Bates, aged 75 years.

BUDDLE.—May 19, at his late residence, Valetta, 29 Macquarie-terrace, Balmain, John George, beloved husband of Hannah P. Buddle, aged 62 years (late of Department of Navigation). By request, no flowers.

COHEN.—May 19, at Randwick, Elizabeth Cohen, daughter of the late George Judah and Rose Cohen, of Gunnedah.

DAVIES.—May 18, 1909, at his residence, Westmead, Frank Evan, eldest son of the late Evan Davies and Mrs. Davies, and beloved husband of Margaret A. Davies, aged 36 years, late of the firm of Newman and Davies.

FYFE.—May 19, at White-street, Moss Vale, Margaret, third daughter of Robert Fyfe.

HARPER.—May 18, at Mudgee, Mary, dearly beloved wife of Charles Harper, aged 75 years.

MACKENZIE.—May 19, 1909, at his residence, "The Bungalow," Albert-road, Strathfield, Rev. William Mackenzie, M.A., aged 72 years. Funeral at Presbyterian Cemetery, Rookwood, on Friday afternoon.

MAY.—May 19, 1909, Margaret Elizabeth (Marge), the dearly beloved wife of Sydney J. May, of Newcastle.

MORGAN.—May 8, 1909, at Pharemai, Tiger-street, Randwick, Elizabeth Ann Morgan, beloved mother of Mrs. L. H. O'Brien, aged 76 years. New Zealand papers please copy.

STRACHAN.—May 19, 1909, at his residence, "Dowlais," Silver-street, Randwick, Andrew, dearly loved husband of Susan Ann Strachan, aged 67 years.

TAYLOR.—May 19, at his father's residence, 98 Johnston-street, Annandale, Frank, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Taylor, of 137 George-street West, aged 27 years.

IN MEMORIAM.

BADIOR.—In ever loving memory of our dearest husband and father, Adolph Badior, who departed this life May 20, 1908. God rest his soul. To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die. Inserted by his sorrowing wife and daughter, Sophia and Leah Badior.

BELL.—In sad but loving memory of Georgiana, beloved wife of James Bell, who departed this life at Heather Brae, Penrith, May 20, 1902. Inserted by her husband and family.

BELL.—In loving memory of our dear mother, who departed this life at Heather Brae, Penrith, May 20, 1902. Inserted by her loving daughters, May and Jessie.

BELL.—In loving memory of our dear mother, who departed this life at Heather Brae, Penrith, May 20, 1902. Inserted by her loving son and daughter, O. S. and Lot.

BELL.—In sad but loving memory of our dear mother, who departed this life, at Heather Brae, Penrith, May 20, 1902. Inserted by her loving son and daughter, Jack and Polly.

BROWN.—In loving remembrance of our dear brother, William Robert Brown, who departed this life May 20th, 1908. Inserted by his loving sisters and brothers, Ivy and brother-in-law, Bert. Rest in peace.

BRYANT.—In loving memory of our dear father, George Bryant, who departed this life May 20th, 1906, aged 67 years.
He left his home in perfect health,
Not thinking death was near;
He had no time to bid farewell
To his children dear.
Inserted by his loving children, Mary, Bertha, and Lee; also son-in-law, Frederick Silver.

CAMPBELL.—In loving remembrance of our dear mother, Ursula Campbell, who departed this life May 20th, 1907. Inserted by her daughters, Annie and Ada. Gone, but not forgotten.

CAMPBELL.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Ursula Campbell, who departed this life May 20th, 1907. Inserted by her loving son and daughter-in-law, Arthur and Addie Campbell.

CAMPBELL.—In loving memory of my dear mother, who departed this life May 20th, 1907. Inserted by her loving son, Fred. Campbell.

DUNN.—In loving memory of our dear mother and grandmother, Ann Dunn, who died May 19, 1908.
In dreams we see your smiling face,
And kiss your loving brow,
And whisper as we kneel you then
We love your memory now.
Inserted by her loving daughter and son-in-law, Ellen and George Parker, also grandchildren, Cecilia, George, Dorothy, Barbara, and Ambie Parker.

ECKARDT.—In loving memory of my dear mother, Margaret Brabazon Eckardt, who died May 20, 1908. Inserted by her loving daughter, Mabel Brabazon Eckardt.

ECKARDT.—In loving memory of our dear sister, Mrs. G. G. Eckardt, who departed this life May 20, 1908, inserted by her loving brother and sister-in-law, Williams and Kate Brabazon.

ECKARDT.—In sad but loving memory of my dear beloved aunt, Margaret Eckardt, who departed this life May 20, 1908.
Gone from us, now sadly we miss you,
My own darling aunt, your memory I keep;
Never till life ends shall I ever forget you,
Dear to my heart is the place where you sleep.
Inserted by her loving niece and nephew, Joe and Florrie Woodruff.

HARLEY.—In sad but loving memory of my dear mother, Matilda Harley, who died May 20, 1908. Dead, but not forgotten. Inserted by her loving daughter and son-in-law, Emma and Henry Macnamara, and grandchildren, Alice, Harry, and Bessie.

LOVE.—In loving memory of our infant son, Ernest Charles, who died suddenly on May 20, 1908, aged 1 year and 2 months.
A bud the Gardener gave us,
A pure and lovely child.
He gave it to our keeping,
To cherish undefiled.
But just as it was opening
To the glory of the day,
Down came the benevolent Gardener,
And took our bud away.
Inserted by his loving parents, S. C. and E. Love, Ridgway-street, St. Leonards.

MONTGOMERY.—In loving memory of Samuel Montgomery, who died May 20, 1906. Inserted by his loving wife, Barbara.

OWEN.—In sad but loving memory of our beloved daughter and sister, Minnie, who died May 19, 1907. Inserted by her loving parents, Robert and Elizabeth Owen, sisters and brothers, Lewis and Mary Owen, Will and Lottie Sellars, Thomas, Arthur, and Lydia Owen, and Rupert Owen
Just as the Sabbath morn was shedding o'er earth
Its gilds of love,
Softly the angels called our darling Minnie to her
Heavenly home above.

OLIVER.—In loving memory of my mother, Janet Oliver, relict of the late Robert Oliver, senr., of Byrne, Glenmore-road, Paddington, who died May 20, 1903. Inserted by her daughter, Agnes.

PIKE.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Margaret, who died May 20, 1904.
When we think of all the changes
The last five years have brought,
We are glad the world that holds you
Is the world that changes not.
Inserted by her loving son and daughter-in-law, William and Cissie Pike.

SIMPSON.—In sad but loving memory of our dear husband and father, William McCombie Simpson, who departed this life May 20, 1908, aged 48 years. At rest. Inserted by his loving wife and family, Mrs. Simpson.

SMITH.—In loving memory of our dear wife and mother, Sarah Jane Smith, who departed this life May 20, 1907. Inserted by her loving husband (Sydney Smith) and children. "Thy will be done."

SMITH.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Sarah Jane Smith, who departed this life May 20, 1907. Inserted by her loving children, Sydney and Florence Smith.

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THURSDAY, MAY 27, 1909, 8 p.m.—Subject, "The Origin and Relationship of Fishes." Mr. S. J. JOHNSTON, B.A., B.Sc., Demonstrator of Biology, in the University. The Lectures will be illustrated by Lantern views. Admission to each Lecture 1s. R. R. HOLME, Secretary.

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THE LAND QUESTION.

In a very real sense the land question may be said to be the question of the hour in State and Federal politics. So far as the latter are concerned, it has been used by the present Government to further unification aims. Mr. Fisher talks at large of bursting up the big estates, and is concerned to show that he is thinking of increased settlement, which means additional population. But much of his argument is simply used as a whip upon the backs of the States. The caucus does not approve of immigration. Behind it are the rank and file of trades unionists, who are afraid of any influx of home-seeking Britons; and if there were a risk of an inflowing stream of humanity, such as the United States has welcomed in the past with open arms, we should find the Prime Minister in a quandary. He would probably be ordered to climb down. The graduated land tax would be allowed to drop once its political purpose had been served, and Ministers would spend their time explaining that they never intended to go further with it. But the immediate use of the whip by the socialist party is to be explained by the widespread feeling there is upon the land question. The true federalist links land settlement with defence, and sees ample financial resources for the Commonwealth in a rising tide of population. He realises that successful union begins and ends with the land. If the States will not do their duty by making available for men and women vast areas now given to sheep and cattle he would not hesitate to force their hands, but he admits that direct taxation should only be resorted to by the Commonwealth in great emergencies. He is beginning to find an emergency in the present condition of foreign affairs. While willing to keep the Constitution intact, and observe its spirit as well as its letter, he places the need for a virile land-seeking population before everything in Australia, since the only way to prevent invasion is to forestall it. Moreover, the Empire is calling for just such action. Its surplus folk at the centre can be distributed with advantage to everybody, and the key to successful distribution is land made available in full measure. We are bound to admit in this connection that the Commonwealth has a perfect right to take immigration under its special care. If that be so, it has also good reason for insisting that the way shall be made plain and kept clear for the freest possible entry into Australia of desirable settlers.

The States are specially concerned in this matter. They have the lands left to them. In their hands are administration and control, and in each State in the Commonwealth the Government has a progressive land policy, with critics to insist that it does not go far enough. Here in New South Wales the Farmers and Settlers' Association is specially critical, and the man on the land has many grievances. While he is willing to admit that Mr. Wade and his colleagues have done much he insists that more is required, and that the need admits of no delay. Again, the business man everywhere is touched to observe and sympathise. He feels the strain when there is unrest in the country, and he can see that the State is not yet doing its full duty. Ministers may be attempting to prove the opposite, but the fact that great estates encroach upon the centres of population, while small farmers range far afield in search of land cannot be gainsaid. State electors are beginning to discuss all his from a new point of view. They say it is only right that the Commonwealth should keep its hands off, but they feel that where a progressive land tax is concerned the State should at any rate be willing to see how far such coercion may be applied. Thus we perceive the importance of recent discussions in the Liberal and Reform Association meetings. Last night Mr. H. E. Kelly tried to have embodied in the platform a definite proposal for land taxation. His general position was sound enough, but he laid himself open to the charge that he preferred details to principles. The essential thing, undoubtedly, is to protest against any violation by the Commonwealth Government of the spirit of the Constitution. It is necessary also, as the Premier pointed out, to be sure that a progressive land tax will not be imposed by the Federal Parliament, otherwise the unfortunate man on the land may find himself ground between the upper and the nether millstone. But this does not remove the main difficulty. The land is not being made available in sufficient quantity, if immigration is to be fast and fruitful, and if the local man is to be given a chance in the general settlement.

The whole question hangs upon the proposal to apply a principle. The Commonwealth Government talks of a progressive land tax which shall burst up big estates, but it means to make it a source of revenue—the more productive the better. At least the signs all point that way. Can the States meet the difficulty by promising that if the Federal Parliament will keep its hands off the land they will see how far desirable areas may be made available without affecting the smaller producers? A tax that will handicap instead of stimulating production must reduce the whole thing to absurdity. We admit all the knots in the problem. But what is so necessary is to prevent, if possible, socialist quacks from making experiments upon our estate. They have behind them, or rather behind their land proposals, a rising tide of public opinion. "Let us see how the progressive land tax will work," say the sympathisers. "If it makes the land available without hurting the struggling farmer, we shall be satisfied," argues the earnest reformer, who is thinking of the Empire, and would secure the Commonwealth from invasion at any price. So the round of discussion proceeds. Meanwhile criticism of State policy tends to strengthen the hands of the central Government, and socialist organisation goes on apace because it is easier to promise than to fulfil. If the Liberal and Reform Association is to make an effective appeal to the electors of the Commonwealth and State during the next month or so, and during the coming year, it must be prepared to face this issue. When the fighting platform is announced and the State Government has made up its mind, there may be something more to go upon, but just at present it looks as if Mr. Wade were not quite sure of his ground. This, however, is not a matter for criticism or attack. The subject is too important to be rushed at, and sound conclusions are not generally reached at a jump. But it will be well to see how far Mr. Fisher's nebulous proposals may be met by a well-digested policy for making our vacant agricultural spaces quickly and profitably available for closer settlement.

LABOUR MISLED.

It is difficult to find words sufficiently strong to use in condemnation of those who at the eleventh hour have been working night and main to prolong the Broken Hill strike, and, if possible, extend it right along the line of lode. We should think that nothing more was wanted to open the eyes of unionists to the miserable way in which they are made pawns in the game of agitation. Leadership is, of course, essential to any movement, and no man of the world will be ready to judge harshly a leader carried away by excitement and enthusiasm and blinded by inherent prejudice to factors in the situation that are really vital. But what are we to say of men who, when an unnecessary battle has been fought and won, insist on continuing the fight for sheer love of fighting, or for an ostensible ideal chosen to be the stalking horse of agitation, simply because it can never be realised, and must, therefore, always remain a stock property of the agitator? As Sir Joseph Carruthers was pointing out this week, a great political weapon has been placed in the hands of Labour, and by our frank admission of the need for industrial legislation the rest of us have gone far to sharpen that weapon against ourselves. But even Liberalism will turn. The sorry result of the course of action some Broken Hill leaders have been so intent on following can only be to alienate the sympathies of the working mass of the State and Commonwealth—and there are very few of us who are not workers—from a unionism that can see only the narrowest class issues, and that shows all too plainly its wish to be a worse tyrant than the capitalist in his palmiest days. Once it becomes clear that unionism uses its political power and its power of disorganising industry by combination with no thought for the welfare of the community at large, it must expect to be quickly shown that, great as its power is, there are greater resources that may be set against it. We wish nothing but good for Broken Hill, and nothing but good for unionism at large. We should hold it doubly disastrous if the equable progress of industrial legislation were thrown back by the insensate folly of a minority. But that minority must be shown its weakness. It has already done a world of harm on the Barrier, where we are glad to admit that a majority of unionists have, in the circumstances of the past five months, shown self-restraint and good sense. It is altogether a mistaken feeling of class loyalty that makes such men tolerate the extremists and the professional agitators, who are ready to haul up the red flag at the slightest provocation. Revolutionary unionism has no future. It has fortunately been robbed of that future wherever the democracy has proved willing to recognise the rights of Labour to the full, and to give every man, whatever be his class or caste, the same political rights. It is often said that Liberalism filches the Labour programme. It would be much truer to say that Liberalism is the true Labour party. On the other hand, the real weakness of Labour becomes at once apparent every time a trial of strength against the resources of law and order is attempted. This has notably been the case with the recent strike in France. It has been the same all through our own experience. Criminal as would be the general revolt of Labour the Broken Hill extremists would like to provoke, its fatuous futility is even more apparent. The sense of the Barrier itself, however, will prove the worst shock to any illusions they may still cherish. The only result possible from continued agitation is a cleavage in the Labour ranks, and if that happens Labour will have good cause to curse those who have led it into self-defeat.

UNPROFITABLE IMMIGRATION.

That people are now streaming across to this State from New Zealand in numbers only limited by the carrying capacity of the available steamers may be, in one sense, a matter for congratulation. The people whom New Zealand can no longer keep we shall be glad enough to receive. They will go to swell the total of our population. But, looked at in a broader way, it is a movement of population which must give us cause for anything but rejoicing. Like the coming of people here from Victoria and South Australia, it is equivalent to a mere transference of money from one pocket to the other: there is no net gain. Australia—Australasia, for in matters of this kind we must reckon New Zealand in with our continent—is no richer. The Dominion wants population, almost as much as does the Commonwealth—and for her people to be leaking through to Australia means the putting back of her clock of progress. The development is all the more regrettable, inasmuch as, up till she found herself in financial straits, the Dominion was in favourable contrast to the Australian States in regard to her increase of population through immigration. True, her immigration policy never achieved any very great results in respect of numbers; but, having regard to the size of the country and its resources, the results were substantial. Had the inflow to Australia been on the same scale our statistics of increase would have worn a less depressing appearance than they do. But while part of her population is preparing to move out of her territory, New Zealand must relax, temporarily at least, her efforts to get other people in. In other words, her immigration machinery probably will have to be eased down almost to stopping point, and experience abundantly proves that it is a kind of machinery which, when once robbed of momentum, is difficult to get into free movement again.

But we need not keep our gaze fixed exclusively on New Zealand. We have the nearer or still less inspiriting spectacle of the transference of population from Victoria to Queensland. In so far as this movement of people from the older to the younger States is merely dictated by the pioneering impulse, we need not regret it. In that case, the loss to the older State is more than counterbalanced by the relatively greater gain to the younger State in accelerated development. But the movement away from Victoria, first to New South Wales, and more recently to Queensland, is not to be accounted for in this way. In the main, Victoria is losing her people because she cannot provide them with land to make homes on, notwithstanding the fact that her territory is potentially more than equal to the support of the whole of the present population of Australia. But while this beggaring of Peter to pay Paul is going on, nothing worth the name is being done to recoup Peter's loss with interest. Immigration from oversea is very much in the air; but no State is doing much to bring it down solidly to earth. The disposition is merely to potter with it, always taking care to subordinate it to the immediate political interests of parties. So far as the older States are concerned, immigration is not practicable on any large scale without suitable land to put the immigrants—at all events the bulk of them—on to when they do arrive. It is the business of State Governments to frame policies which will guarantee that provision of land, failing which we may presently have other problems, which will be even more stubborn of solution.

THE RECENT RAINS.

The prolonged spell of dry weather has at last been broken by useful rains that have proved general over the State, and, indeed, over a large portion of the Commonwealth. For the most part reports from South Australia and Victoria speak of heavy downpours, and the same is true for Queensland. In our own State the change began with light steady rains, though by now a few heavy falls have been recorded. We have had, however, just what we required where we have had it at all. A great change has come over the winter outlook, and that is something for the agriculturist to be thankful for. In some districts a good start for the wheat crops has been assured, and in others, where the dry weather had brought ploughing to a standstill, the fall will allow the farmer to resume operations. A little more showery weather may be relied on before the disturbance passes away, and the grass that has begun to shoot already will get a good start. The South Coast districts were left out at the beginning of the change, and while the rest of the State was rejoicing the outlook there was particularly dismal. The run of bad luck experienced by the South Coast in the matter of rainfall for several seasons is most extraordinary. Fortunately on this occasion the hopes raised have not been entirely disappointed. Conditions have become more favourable for rain on the coast, and there have been good scattered showers. This is enough to put heart into by no means the least courageous district of the State. The South Coast has had a long struggle against seasonal adversity, and it deserves better luck in this instance. It is difficult for us to realise what privations the South Coast water famine has entailed, for there has in many cases been no water for stock and domestic uses, to say nothing of crops and grass. When we read of water being carried for three miles by women and children, we begin to form a faint idea of the joy with which a general rainfall is received. At the same time, when we hear of such remarkable downfalls as that at Clifton, where two inches are said to have fallen in ten minutes, we cannot but regret that greater provision is not made for water storage. The plain lesson of our meteorology is that, taking one year with another, we have a rainfall that would be more than ample if only it were properly conserved. But at present only a fraction of phenomenally good falls serves a useful purpose. Every great rainfall no less than every prolonged drought is an argument for water conservation. For the present, however, we must be glad of small mercies, and the small mercies have been scattered broadcast during the last few days. Apparently the storm is now passing away, but unsettled conditions are still likely to prevail. However exact a science meteorology may possibly become, it will never be able to control our weather for us, and the most we can learn from it is to take precautions in time against drought conditions.

Secrecy of the Post.—With reference to the paragraph "The Secrecy of the Post," which appeared in our issue of the 13th May, the Deputy Postmaster-General advises that no letter was handed over to the police at the Haymarket office as alleged, but that a man called at the Detective Office on 3rd May and produced a letter bearing his name and his postal address, Haymarket Post-office, which, he stated, he had received on application at that office. He said that on receiving the letter he thought it was intended for him, but that after perusing the contents he was satisfied that it was intended for a criminal of the same name, and he, therefore, left the letter at the Detective Office. On the information contained in such letter, a man of the name and two of his confederates were arrested.

The Fighting Fund.—Last evening, at the Protestant Hall, the Rev. Patrick Stephen urged the New South Wales Alliance to spend willingly in the cause of temperance, even the money they had not got. He moved, and the conference decided to inaugurate, a fighting fund of 20,000 shillings. "Here's the first one," said an enthusiast; and soon the shillings were rattling on the table. Mr. Bruntnell announced that in five minutes 500 shillings had been subscribed or promised.

Railway Rolling Stock.—The Chief Commissioner is arranging for large additions to the rolling stock of the Railway Department. Tenders were received on Monday for cars, waggons, etc., estimated to cost, in round numbers, £100,000. The tenders cover 39 passenger cars of the American type, 25 lavatory carriages, a number of brake vans, horse boxes, louvre vans, etc. All the tenders received were from local builders. Additions are also to be made to the rolling stock of the Tramway Department, an order having been placed with the Meadowbank Company for the construction of 50 cars of the largest type, fitted with protected fronts.

Wages Boards and Technicalities.—During the hearing of the dispute between the Shop Assistants' Union and the Retail Grocers' Association of New South Wales at the Central Police Court yesterday, the point was taken that since the Chairman had not been appointed within the proper time, evidence given previously was invalid. The matter was eventually settled by putting the previous witnesses into the box, and reading over to them the evidence they had given, which they then endorsed.

Tree Planting in City Streets.—The health and bylaws committee of the City Council yesterday approved a minute from the Lord Mayor in regard to tree planting. Street beautification, the minute stated, should command the council's attention, provided the localities were selected with due care. The work of tree planting should be undertaken as soon as possible. It was suggested that £500 should be set aside for the purpose, and charged against the land tax revenue for this year.

Proposed County Council.—At the meeting of the Balmain Council on Tuesday night, Alderman W. J. Laws endeavoured to have a resolution passed as follows:—"That this council, recognising the value which must accrue from the forming of a county council, and which would have under its control common municipal services, such as traffic, water and sewerage, lighting, etc., hereby suggests to the Lord Mayor of Sydney that he convene a meeting of the Mayor and two aldermen of the suburban municipalities, for the purpose of considering the question in all its aspects, and reporting to the respective councils." He said his idea in submitting the resolution was that it would, at any rate, lead to discussion, and so help to educate the public on the question. He was against a greater Sydney, because he believed local councils could do more efficiently than a centralised body purely municipal work; but he was convinced that an organisation somewhat on the lines of the London County Council could carry out the services named in the resolution very much better and more economically than was the case at present. There was divided control everywhere—in regard to street and tram traffic, control of the harbour traffic, lighting, control of the abattoirs, etc. Alderman Young seconded the motion, but it was not received favourably by the other aldermen, being rejected on division, only the two aldermen named voting for it.

Preservation of Native Animals.—Considering the weather, the attendance at the Royal Society's rooms last night, when a new society called "The Australian Animals' Preservation Society" was successfully launched, was satisfactory. Many strong arguments in favour of the formation were expressed by several people who have for years been identified with nature study and encouragement. Mr. Winchcombe, M.L.C., who presided, drew attention to the destruction of opossums, squirrels, and other marsupials, whose skins were of great value. The exportation of skins of marsupials had fallen off tremendously, and a distinct asset in one branch of our indigenous fauna was therefore diminishing at a rapid rate. Mr. W. W. Froggatt referred to the economic importance of certain indigenous birds which were in danger of extinction. Mr. F. Farnell detailed the steps taken in the past to secure the legal protection of our fauna and flora. Mr. L. Harrison gave some particulars of the great value of certain birds in destroying the seeds of pest plants and insects. It had been found by American naturalists that two bluejays in a season destroyed half a million caterpillars, and that a wren devoured 210 plague locusts (our small brown grasshoppers) in a day. Mr. D. G. Stead supported the formation on account of the necessity for preserving fauna which were of great scientific importance; and a lady took up another ground in that the encouragement of the preservation of certain animals and plants was a direct stimulus to patriotism. It was made clear by all the speakers that the society would not aim at the perpetuation of animals which were destructive rather than useful.

The Unionist Label.—The Shop Assistants' Union is making a resolute bid for preference to its members. At a meeting held a couple of nights ago union badges were distributed, and it was decided to give those shop assistants who had no badges a month to get them. After that the union will ask the Labour Council, the unions, and the Political Labour Leagues, to boycott any shop assistant, male or female, who has no badge to show. So far, the union has been unable to obtain from the employers preference to unionists, and this is an attempt to obtain it after all. It also looks like an attempt to force non-unionists to see the error of their ways.

Ingenious Detective Work.—Yesterday at the Quarter Sessions, Judge Backhouse and the Crown Prosecutor complimented Detective Buzacott on the ability displayed by him in connection with certain tests, with a view to showing what could be done by a dishonest person in the way of letter-posting. Claude William Griffiths was charged with stealing a motor launch. His defence was that he had the launch on approval, and wrote the owner, stating that it was unsatisfactory, and would be returned. Accused produced an envelope, said to have contained a letter to the owner of the launch, and which, according to his version, had been re-addressed to his (Griffith's) sister. The envelope bore signs of having gone through the post, and Judge and jury were somewhat puzzled. Since the jury, at the last sessions, disagreed, Detective Buzacott made certain experiments. He posted a letter addressed "M.P., G.P.O., Sydney." The letters 'M.P." were written in ink, a fair distance apart from each other, and the address in pencil. The detective took delivery of the letter at the G.P.O. He converted the M.P. into "Messrs. Pritchard Bros." (owners of the launch), erased the lead pencil address, and inserted the address of Messrs. Pritchard Bros. Again, said the detective, it would be possible by means of chemicals to remove all trace of the first address, and any name and address could be substituted. It was not stated that either of those methods had been adopted by the accused, but it has a possible explanation. Griffiths was found guilty. Detectives Hawe and Buzacott were in charge of the case.

Danyss Virus for Rats.—The health and bylaws committee of the City Council yesterday adopted a minute of the Lord Mayor in regard to experimenting with the Danyss virus for rat extermination. The minute referred to correspondence in connection with the suggestion made by Mr. D. C. Green that an experimental lot of the virus should be laid down for this purpose. It suggested that the experiment should be carried out with, say, 200 tubes, to cost £18 15s, under the control of the acting city health officer, whose decision as to the result would be final. If he should report against the efficacy of the virus for rat extermination, the council would not incur any liability or responsibility, financial or otherwise, in respect of the 200 tubes to be used.

A Pearl of Great Price.—Now and again there come from the northern seas stories of lucky pearlers who stumble upon priceless pearls. These, however, are few and far between, for the majority of these lustrous gems are very small, and rarely exceed a few carats. But there arrived in Sydney the other day a magnificent specimen of a perfect "button" pearl. It weighs 23 carats, or 92 grains, and is one of the largest pearls ever found in Australian waters. It was found on March 20 in the shell of a small five years' mollusc, by the crew of the Sketty Belle, schooner, one of Captain George Smith's fleet of pearlers. Experts have valued the gem at £5000.

Dishonest Railway Employees.—It was stated in a cablegram published yesterday that 15 railway guards had been arrested at Marseilles for a series of train robberies in the Riviera, and that passengers' trunks had been opened by means of skeleton keys. It would appear from inquiries made yesterday that dishonest practices are by no means unknown in the railway service in this State. The principal offence is in connection with ticket scalping. Several employees have recently been dismissed the service for acting in collusion with outside persons who make a business of dealing in the return halves of railway tickets. Apart from the irregularity and loss the department sustains by the fraudulent practices of the ticket scalpers, there is the additional evil of the encouragement given to dishonestly inclined employees to associate themselves with these illegal agents. Notwithstanding the heavy fine of £20 imposed in a number of cases, and the dismissal of employees, ticket scalping is known to be still carried on in this State. Similar practices are known to exist in other States of the Commonwealth. Drastic action has been taken in Western Australia to suppress the evil for improper dealing with railway tickets, and it has been made a criminal offence, for which an offender may be fined £20 or imprisonment for six months.

Extensive Gold Shipment.—The Japanese mail steamer Kumano Maru, which was despatched from Sydney yesterday for China and Japan, took away in her strongrooms £250,000 for Kobe, in addition to £500 for Thursday Island. This is the largest shipment of bullion for some time past.

We have received a copy of "The Trade and Shipping of the Colonies and Territories forming the South African Customs Union, 1908." The volume, which is most comprehensive, was compiled by the South African Customs Statistical Bureau, Capetown.

The Railway Department has received from an anonymous correspondent 1s 6d in stamps, presumably as conscience money.

LIQUOR AND LABOUR.

A CHALLENGE TO MR. FISHER.

The remarks of the Prime Minister at the Presbyterian General Assembly on the state of the working man in prohibition and non-prohibition areas have caused considerable discussion amongst the clergy and amongst temperance workers. Yesterday the matter came before the New South Wales Alliance, and some strong statements were made.

Mr. Albert Bruntnell, general secretary to the Alliance, said: "I challenge the Prime Minister with regard to his statement at the Presbyterian assembly, that the condition of the workers in 'dry' areas is no better than in licensed districts. That I distinctly deny. (Applause.) To any sane person it is evident that the people on the spot know whether the no-license is a good or a bad movement. I received to-day a letter from America, which stated that in the no-license districts the deposits in the banks by working men had increased, and the gaol population had decreased. Commercial men in these districts thoroughly endorsed the no-license movement. In the same way in New Zealand, where commercial men advocated the closing of the open bar. Mr. Fisher made his statement in reply to the Rev. John Ferguson, and it should be challenged. Mr. Fisher, with all his ingenuity, will not be able to show that the working man is better off under no-license. Why did the whole of the Parliamentary Labour party in England advise the people in New Zealand to go in for no-license? (Applause.) The report of Mr. Rankin, the magistrate who went to New Zealand from Queensland, showed the tremendous improvement in no-license areas. His one bogey was home drinking; yet he found no evidence at all that home drinking was increasing. The statement of the Rev. E. Whitehouse about the decrease of home drinking had never been challenged." (Applause.)

UNIFORM SCHOOL DRILL.

CONFERENCE ARRANGED.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Replies have been received by the Minister for Defence (Senator Pearce) from three of the six States, indicating their willingness to take part in a conference to frame a uniform system of physical drill throughout the Australian schools. With the support of these States—New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia—the Minister has felt justified in fixing a date for the conference, and he has invited delegates to meet in Melbourne on June 15. It is intended to proceed with the scheme in these States alone, whether or not the other three also fall into line. Senator Pearce is anxious that a uniform system should be adopted throughout the whole Commonwealth, and he has again written to the Governments of Queensland, Western Australia, and Tasmania urging them to be represented at the conference.

STAMPEDE AT A CIRCUS.

TENT IN DARKNESS.

WALGETT, Wednesday.

An unusual incident occurred at a small circus in town last night which might have been attended by very serious results. Part of the night's entertainment consisted of a buckjumping exhibition. An outlaw was blind folded, and as soon as the rider touched the saddle the horse made a wild effort to get away. The ring was very small, and the consequence was that the horse dashed into the acetylene gas tank, which had been placed alongside the centre pole of the tent. The piping broke, and the place was in total darkness. There was at once a stampede amongst the audience to get outside, with the result that women and children were jostled and hurled aside, and the horse getting frightened

A SHAM ARMY.

THE WOLF AND THE SHEEP.

STRIKING WARNING BY LORD ROBERTS.

LONDON, May 19.

In the House of Lords last night the Duke of Bedford moved a resolution in favour of an inquiry into the condition of the Special Reserve of the Army, which reserve, the motion states, is merely a paper substitute for the late militia.

The Government offered strenuous opposition to the proposal, on the ground that an inquiry at this stage would be premature, and in the words of Lord Lucas, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for War, that if the commission sat it would demand the heads of the late Government for neglect rather than censure the present Ministry for making a promising attempt to save the situation.

Lord Roberts, in a striking speech, warned the Government and the country that danger was coming nearer every day. Germany's numbers alone were a weakness.

"Where troubles the wolf little," Lord Roberts said, "how many the sheep be. We are not a sham, but our army is a sham.

There is only one remedy. The Government should take the country into its confidence, and rouse it to a reality of the danger which exists."

The motion was carried by 73 votes to 22.

The Special reserve of the army, concerning which the House of Lords recommends an inquiry, consists of non-regulars who have undertaken an engagement to serve abroad, and is enter for the following purposes:—(a) Supplement the expeditionary force on mobilisation by providing men on a non-regular basis for divisional cavalry, ammunition column transport and supply columns, medical units, and other administrative services, for which it is thought a prolonged military training unnecessary; (b) to supply the expeditionary force with reinforcements to make good wastage during a campaign.

GENERAL STRIKE VOTED.

FREE EXTREMISTS' LAST HOPE.

TWO UNIONS RESPOND.

LONDON, May 19.

On half of a small remnant of workmen the category of postal strikers at Paris, it to secure, besides a reinstatement those dismissed, the concession of their final demands, extremists goaded the committee of the General Confederation of Labor of France into voting for a general strike.

The committee accordingly issued a manifesto, calling trade unions immediately to strike.

The printers' and Masons' Labourers' Unions of Paris are responding to the decision of the committee, and will strike today.

UNDUE OF STATE SERVANTS.

LIMITATIONS DEFINED.

The Government bill introduced into the Chamber of Deputies defining the status of State servants' Unions authorises State servants to combine for professional purposes, but forbids them affiliating with Labour or non-State workers.

REGION IN THE BUSH.

LORD NORTHCOTE'S TESTIMONY.

DEVOLVITY IN TOWNS.

LONDON, May 19.

A meeting in aid of the Brotherhood of the Good Shepherd was held yesterday. Lord Brassey presided.

Lord Northcote referred to the good work which the brotherhood did among the bushmen of Australia. He considered that the class on the land and in the back blocks to be the best supporters of a religious country. The town treated the Sabbath as much as a secular holiday, ignoring religious aspects.

In the bush, Lord Northcote continued, it was not frequently considered a privilege to attend service of worship. Bushmen were suspicious of a clergyman till the latter showed himself manly.

INJECTION OF CONVENTS.

COMONS REFUSE A BILL.

LONDON, May 19.

The House of Commons last night by 175 votes to refused to permit Captain Craig (Unionist East Down) to introduce a bill providing for the adequate inspection of the domestic and conventual institutions of the United Kingdom.

Mr. P. O'Connor (Nationalist, Scotland Division of Liverpool) strenuously opposed the motion.

IMPERIAL PREFERENCE.

MONTREAL TOO SANGUINE.

LONDON, May 19.

The Montreal Board of Trade by an overwhelming majority has rescinded its resolution of May 12 in favour of Inter-Empire preference and protection as far as may be against the rest of the world. The speakers at the meeting urged adherence to the resolutions of the Fifth and Sixth Empire Congresses of the Chambers of Commerce.

The Montreal Board of Trade passed a resolution to submit to the Empire Congress of Chambers of Commerce, to be held in Sydney, a resolution in favour of the Empire protecting itself against foreign producers. Hence the resolution continued, Great Britain and the colonies should grant each other substantial preference, and as far as their respective recquires permit the principle of freetrade within the Empire should remain. Sir George Drummond, ex-president of the board, who had been chosen as a delegate to the congress, resigned on the ground that the resolution was ill-considered, and at variance with the national trade policy of Canada. It was then determined to hold a special meeting of the board, with the result mentioned in this morning's cables.

DEPORTATIONS FROM INDIA.

NO DEBATE IN COMMONS.

LONDON, May 19.

The Speaker of the House of Commons yesterday refused to allow Mr. Keir-Hardie (Socialist) to move the adjournment of the House to consider the deportation of anarchists from India.

Mr. Asquith emphasised the fact that the subject had been fully discussed in the debate on the Address in Reply.

DEATH OF MR. GEORGE MEREDITH.

RESULT OF A CHILL.

LONDON, May 18.

Mr. George Meredith, novelist, died at Boxhill, after an illness of only three days.

Mr. Meredith caught a chill, which was followed by heart failure. He died in the presence of his son and daughter.

BUDGET IMPOSTS.

AN INCREASING YIELD.

OVER EIGHTEEN MILLIONS.

LONDON, May 19.

The House of Commons last night carried the Budget resolutions proposing an addition to the stamp duties.

Mr. Lloyd-George, Chancellor of the Exchequer, stated that he hoped it would be possible to make concessions in regard to income tax and license duties before the Budget proposals were ultimately decided.

A White Paper, which has been issued, shows that Mr. Lloyd-George estimates that the new imposts will yield over £14,000,000 this year, £17,000,000 in 1910, and £18,500,000 in 1911.

The increase in the stamp duties is expected to produce £650,000.

EFFECT ON TOBACCO TRADE.

MORE HANDS DISMISSED.

The Marsuma Company of Congleton has discharged 650 cigar makers, owing to the tobacco duties proposed in the Budget disorganising and dislocating their industry.

PRESS DELEGATES.

SPEECHES AT TORONTO.

CLOSER RELATIONS WITH CANADA.

LONDON, May 19.

A number of the Australian and New Zealand delegates to the Imperial Press Conference was entertained at a banquet by the National Club of Toronto on Monday night. Great enthusiasm prevailed. The Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, Sir William M. Clarke, presided.

Mr. J. P. Whitney, the Premier of the province, extended the freedom of Ontario to the delegates. The colonies, he said, had awakened from lethargy to a realisation of their relations with the Empire.

Mr. E. S. Cunningham (Melbourne) spoke in favour of closer relations between Canada and Australia and New Zealand.

Mr. G. Fenwick (Otago) said that the coming conference ought to strive to solidify and strengthen the bonds of Empire.

Mr. G. Lukin (Wellington, N.Z.) referred to the necessity of the British dominions being able largely to defend themselves. He was enthusiastically cheered when he alluded to the Dreadnought offered to the Empire by New Zealand.

Mr. Kyffin Thomas (Adelaide) urged closer trade relations between Canada and Australia.

All the speakers favoured the introduction of better cable and mail facilities.

BLACK HAND TERRORISM.

ANOTHER NEW YORK VICTIM.

LONDON, May 19.

After repeated threats from the Black Hand, an Italian blackmailing organisation in New York, Mr. Puccio, a retired cigar maker, the closest friend of Lieutenant Petrosino, the American detective who was murdered by the Mafia in Palermo, was shot dead on the staircase of his domicile in New York.

Towards the end of the last century the Sicilian gangs which made their living by blackmail became aware that not a few Italians who had left their home-country as peasants had acquired wealth across the Atlantic. Even the ordinary workman who could gain only 40 cents a day in Sicily, they learned, could make about four times that wage in New York. Accordingly, writes the correspondent of the "Times," they hastened to exploit by their familiar methods the rich field of the Italian colony in that city. It was not long before the American police found themselves faced by an elaborate machinery of crime far more ingenious and complicated than anything which they had previously had to deal. The Black Hand, as the society called itself, proceeded normally to extort what it wanted by frank demands and threats, and it did not hesitate at kidnapping, outrage, and murder when these means seemed necessary to its ends. The very terrorism inspired by these criminals is, of course, their greatest protection. In many cases the police hear nothing of the sending of the threats until the threats themselves are fulfilled. Lieutenant Petrosino himself once declared in such a case that if it were not for the refusal of the Italians to aid the police, a gang then committing many depredations could be wiped out in 48 hours. Italians of good standing are seldom willing to do anything that might turn upon themselves the hostility of the dreaded society. In a case not long ago in a Pennsylvania town a reputable Italian merchant offered to go bail for three members of the Black Hand, who had been arrested, and explained to the Court that unless he did so the lives and property of himself and other Italian residents would be in danger.

THE CZAR'S CLEMENCY.

GENERAL AND ADMIRAL RELEASED.

LONDON, May 18.

The Czar has ordered the release of General Stoessel, commandant of Port Arthur, and Rear-Admiral Nebogatoff from the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul, St. Petersburg, as their health has been seriously affected.

[Both officers were court-martialled and sentenced on account of their conduct in the Russo-Japanese war.]

IMPERIAL DEFENCE CONFERENCE.

LIST OF SUBJECTS.

LONDON, May 18.

Reuter's Agency says it is understood that no definite agenda for the Imperial Defence Conference in July will be cabled to the colonies, but that the War Office and the Admiralty will prepare a list of subjects on which they desire to exchange views with the colonies.

AUSTRALIA'S REPRESENTATIVES.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

It is understood that Mr. Watson has informed the Prime Minister that on account of private business he cannot attend the Imperial Defence Conference.

SIR JOHN GORST.

RELINQUISHES PENSION.

LONDON, May 19.

On inheriting the family estate, Sir John Gorst, one of the famous Fourth Party in the early eighties, has relinquished his pension of £1200 a year granted to him as an ex-Minister.

A FLAG FOR INDIA.

LORD AMPTHILL'S PROPOSAL.

LONDON, May 19.

Lord Ampthill, for a short period Governor-General of India, in a letter to the "Times" pleads for a distinctive flag for India.

FIGHTING IN SOMALILAND.

LONDON, May 18.

A native British force defeated the Mullah of Somaliland, and recovered 600 camels.

SOUTH AFRICAN UNION.

DELEGATES TO BRITAIN.

ADVOCATES OF DRAFT BILL.

LONDON, May 19.

General Botha, Premier of the Transvaal, Mr. Smuts, Colonial Secretary, and Sir George Farrar, leader of the Opposition, will be the Transvaal's delegates from the South African Union Convention to the Imperial Government to lay before it the draft bill of Union, and will sail from Capetown on June 30. The Earl of Selborne, High Commissioner for South Africa, will sail from South Africa a week earlier.

General Botha while in England will attend chiefly to Union matters. Mr. Smuts, besides assisting at the discussions on the Constitution, will attend the Imperial Defence Conference, to be held in July.

COMING INTO LINE.

MORAL STRENGTH OF UNION.

The Earl of Crewe, Secretary of State for the Colonies, speaking at the South African banquet last night, said that the driving force of union was a desire to transform South Africa into a great Dominion like Canada and the Commonwealth of Australia. He added that the union would conduce besides to material and moral strength.

MARRIAGE WITH DECEASED WIFE'S SISTER.

A CLERGYMAN'S APPEAL.

LONDON, May 18.

The King's Bench Division has dismissed Canon Thompson's appeal against the judgment of the Court of Arches, ordering him to cease refusing to administer the Sacrament to Mr. and Mrs. Bannister, because Mr. Bannister had married his deceased wife's sister.

Sir L. T. Dibdin, Dean of Arches, in delivering judgment in the proceedings brought by Mr. Bannister, manager of the Norwich electric tramways, in the Court of Arches, against the Rev. Henry Thompson, honcanon Norwich Cathedral, for refusing to admit himself and his wife to receive the communion, because the latter is the sister of his deceased wife, admonished the Rev. H. Thompson for his unlawful action.

Mr. Bannister's marriage occurred in Canada before such marriages had been legalised in England.

ASIA MINOR MASSACRES.

CHRISTIANS ONLY PUNISHED.

LONDON, May 18.

Reuter's correspondent states that the authorities are attempting to punish only Christians on account of the recent massacres in Adana, Asia Minor.

A special Commission from Constantinople is forcing Armenians to leave the refugee camps, though no protection is offered them.

TURKEY'S EX-SULTAN.

UNDER STRICT GUARD.

LONDON, May 18.

Abdul Hamid, ex-Sultan of Turkey, is not allowed writing paper or any means of communication.

Nobody is allowed within 50 yards of his house at Salonica.

CANADIAN ENTERPRISE.

DEEPENING THE ST. LAWRENCE.

LONDON, May 18.

Mr. L. P. Brodeur, Minister for Marine, speaking in the Canadian House of Commons, said that the deepening of the St. Lawrence channel 30ft and the completing of a 35ft channel from Montreal to the sea will shortly be begun.

ARREST OF A TRAITOR.

OFFERING TO SELL PLANS.

LONDON, May 18.

A sergeant of Dutch engineers has been arrested at Utrecht for offering to sell to Germany plans enabling the latter to frustrate arrangements by the Netherlands to flood the country on the approach of an invader.

ORIENT COMPANY'S DIVIDEND.

LONDON, May 19.

The Orient Steam Navigation Company, in its annual report, shows a credit to the profit and loss account of £31,927. A dividend of 5 per cent. on the deferred shares is declared.

THE WOOL SALES.

LONDON, May 18.

At the wool sales this afternoon there was a large offering, chiefly from New Zealand. Values for best sorts were well maintained for the United States, and prices for top-making sorts were fully maintained, intermediate sorts being a little more irregular.

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At the wool sales yesterday prices realised for the fleeces of the clips mentioned were:—Waotatapia, 7½d; Patoka, 10d; Acland, 11¼d; Waugoola, 13½d; Dunrobin, 13¾d; Inglewood, 14¾d; Maaoupè, 15½d; Haldon, 22½d.

The brokers have determined that the July series will be limited to 140,000 bales, and the September and November sales will be unlimited.

GENERAL CABLE NEWS.

THE CORINTHIC.

LONDON, May 19.

The steamer Corinthic, which recently went ashore near Rio de Janeiro, while bound from Wellington to London, has resailed.

PRESBYTERIAN MODERATORS.

The Rev. Dr. A. Henderson, of Crieff, has been elected Moderator of the General Assembly of the United Free Church of Scotland.

The Rev. James Henry, of Burghead, has been elected Moderator of the General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland.

[The Rev. Archibald Henderson, M.A., D.D., is senior minister of the South United Free Church, Crieff. He is in his 72nd year. He was educated at the Glasgow University, and in the theological halls of the Free Church, and later proceeded to Gottingen University. In 1862 he was ordained at Crieff, where he has remained ever since. In 1907 Dr. Henderson was nominated for the moderatorship of the General Assembly, but he declined office.]

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN AGENT-GENERAL.

Mr. A. A. Kirkpatrick has commenced his duties as Agent-General for South Australia. Mr. J. G. Jenkins, the late Agent-General, will sail for Australia by the R.M.S. Orontes, which leaves on May 28.

THE CRICKETERS.

MATCH AGAINST SURREY.

HOME TEAM'S SECOND INNINGS, 178.

HAYWARD'S MASTERLY PERFORMANCE.

BAD LIGHT—WET WEATHER.

LONDON, May 18.

At Kennington Oval to-day, in the match between Surrey and Australia, the weather was cloudy and the wicket tricky. There was an attendance of 2000, which after lunch increased to 7000. After the dismissal of Carter—eight for 97—Cotter joined Macartney, and a stand was made, the partnership, which lasted 30 minutes, adding 34 runs. The century appeared after 120 minutes' play, and the two batsmen did some smart running between the wickets.

Macartney when he was 24, obtained by neat cricket, saw Cotter's leg stump knocked down. Cotter, who was 14, attempted to drive Rushby, but missed the ball. His score included a six, a drive to the on. Nine for 131. Whitty was last man, and runs still came. He scored 11, while Macartney added 9. Then the latter, with 33 to his credit, skied a ball of Lees, and Spring at mid-on took a catch. The innings, which had lasted 155 minutes, closed for 157 runs.

Rushby had the excellent performance of six wickets for 38 runs. Lees took four wickets at a cost of 68.

There was a sharp shower at the conclusion of the innings, and sawdust bags were placed on the pitch. Though the weather cleared it was decided not to play again before lunch.

SURREY SECOND INNINGS.

The weather continued cloudy and unsettled after lunch. The attendance numbered 7000 when Surrey opened their second innings to the bowling of Noble and Armstrong, the batsmen being Hayward and Hobbs. The first wicket fell for eight runs, Hobbs being out lbw to Armstrong.

Hayes was the next man, and after scoring 4 he was easily caught at slip by Hartigan off Noble. Hayward was then 11. Two for 19.

Marshal joined Hayward. The bowling showed great judgment. Marshal, in attempting to drive Armstrong, was clean bowled for 4. Three for 27.

Crawford filled the vacancy, and with Hayward increased the total score to 73, when the light became so bad, and rain falling, play was stopped for 25 minutes. Hayward, who was then 37, had played a watchful game, with fine hits occasionally, one being an on drive for 5. Crawford, who had made 18, batted unevenly, and when 10 played Macartney on the wicket, but without dislodging a bail.

On resuming Armstrong with his fourth ball found Crawford's wicket with an off break. The retiring batsman had been at the wicket an hour, and had made 20 runs. Four for 75.

Curwen, who continued the play, scored 5, when he was given out lbw to Armstrong. Five for 87. Hayward was then 44.

Spring and Hayward saw the century passed, the runs having been contributed by Hayward. When Spring had made a single he on-played Noble, but the wicket remained intact. The batsman, however, had a short innings, as when 5 he was bowled in the first over by Whitty, who relieved Armstrong. Six for 109.

Hayward was 65 when joined by Lees. The latter on-played Macartney, but again the balls held. However, he was immediately afterwards caught by Whitty at mid-on off Macartney, who was relieving Noble, for 13. Seven for 126.

Hitch joined Hayward, the latter being 71. When the newcomer made 7 he was caught by Macartney, third man, off Whitty. Eight for 139.

Strudwick and Hayward then held the fort until stumps were drawn for the day. The former was 4. Hayward, who had batted right through the innings (3 hours 20 minutes), contributed 85. He played in a masterly manner, and never gave a chance.

At the drawing of stumps on the second day Surrey were 195 to the good, and had two wickets in hand. Hayward and Strudwick were at the wickets, with Rushby to follow.

Bardsley has shown himself to be a bad as well as a fair weather batsman, and so has Macartney. The chances of cricket are shown in the fact that eight wickets fell for 97, and the last two added 60, Whitty, from whom least was expected, batting up bravely, and no doubt lucking.

There can be nothing but the greatest admiration for Hayward's innings under mudlarking conditions. His batting was quite in keeping with his reputation. On Tuesday, when the weather was showery, the wicket was more favourable to run-getting than on Monday afternoon. It could never surely have happened before that in an innings in which eight wickets had fallen there were three instances of the ball being played on to the wicket without dislodging the bails. The heavy ground takes all the life out of the ball.

The cable message states that the bowling of Noble and Armstrong was steady. The only chance Australia had of winning was to be kept off the wicket until the third day, thus allowing for a change in the weather and an improvement in the wickets to take place. Therefore there was no particular anxiety to get wickets so long as some did fall, and so long as runs did not mount up to too great an extent. During the last English tour there were a couple of instances when the usual order of things was reversed. Batsmen got out so as to get their opponents in, while others anxious to get wickets. Perhaps the reason why Whitty, who took five for 36 in the first innings, was kept off on Tuesday until late in the day was that he might get wickets too quickly.

Placing sacks of sawdust on the ground to dry up the water is not known in Australia. In some places—not in Sydney—the wicket is covered until the day of commencement, but once the match has begun it is unprotected from the weather.

THE NEXT MATCH.

AGAINST M.C.C.

The match to begin to-day is against the famous Marylebone Club, which can place in the field an eleven fit to do battle for England. The recurrence of this engagement always calls to mind the sensational victory gained by the first Australian XI. in 1878. The Australians' stock was very low in consequence of the severe defeat inflicted by Notts. The M.C.C. was the second match of the tour. The contest was all over in one day, and M.C.C. was defeated by nine wickets. All England rung with applause for the great bowling feats of F. R. Spofforth, who then earned the sobriquet of the Demon Bowler, and the late H. Boyle. The club eleven consisted of the cream of the English cricket, as the following names show:—W. G. Grace, Hornby, Booth, Ridley, Webbe, Wild, Flowers, Pearse, Shaw, Vernon, and Morley. They were dismissed for 33 and 19, Australia scoring 41, and losing one for 12.

The "Sydney Morning Herald" London correspondent thus described M.C.C.'s second innings:—"With only eight runs to the good, and one of the best teams in England to oppose them, the chance of the Australians was regarded—indeed, by friends as well as by foes—as very slender; there was, however, the satisfaction of knowing that if defeated it would not be in one innings. 'If,' said Spofforth and Graney privately to me, 'we could only get them out in the second innings for the same score wouldn't it be glorious?' I thought so, too, but neither the three of us had the faintest idea that such a result was possible. It is now known that the Marylebone second innings only produced 19 runs. Five hundred to one would have been laid against such an occurrence. Grace and Hornby went to the wickets jubilant—the crowd had recovered from the astonishment. A hundred runs would certainly be got; and, as far as could be judged, the Australians were not equal to 80 on the soft wicket. It would be a good game after all. The Australians bowled well, and their fielding was really equal to that of the University (considered the best in England). Play begins. Spofforth commences to Grace, and the first ball is stopped by him, of which little notice is taken by the crowd, the second scatters his stumps. An instant of perfect silence, and then a tremendous shout is given all round—a shout with no distinct meaning, it neither applauding the bowler nor deriding the batsmen. Spofforth had delivered a very fast ball to the renowned cricketer, and coming up as if to deliver another at the same pace, sent in a rather slow one, which broke in from the leg, and clean bowled the leviathan, who retired to the pavilion, and frankly stated that he was completely deceived by it. There was a look of bewilderment on the faces of all we met, and, to use a colonial term, people seemed "knocked over" as Boyle sent Hornby, Booth, and Ridley back to the pavilion in succession. Four wickets for 1 run! Spofforth afterwards dismissed Webbe, Hearne, and Vernon for 0 each, and Boyle did as much for Morley, the only scores being Hornby 1, Wild 5, Flowers 11, and Shaw 2. The close of the innings was the signal for a general rush over the ground to see the two redoubtable bowlers of the Australian team. If they had been objects of curiosity in the first innings, they seemed now to be regarded as bowlers from another world. "What! put out Marylebone first eleven for 19—and bowled nine of them clean—let's have a look at these men!" and all the spectators tried to do so. The front of the pavilion was besieged in the same manner as an excited crowd have often besieged the old Albert pavilion at Sydney on the conclusion of a match, cheering and chaffing alternately. The Australians required 15, and got them with the loss of C. Bannerman's wicket. A very warm expression of admiration was unanimously given to the Australians by the crowd in the pavilion, and Boyle and Spofforth were congratulated on all sides. The team shortly afterwards left the ground, but it was past 7 o'clock before the several bars got cleared of the people, all vigorously discussing the pros and cons of the game just ended, and which was to be the talk of London next day."

Since that memorable day the struggles between the club and the Australians have always been of the keenest description. The selection of the home team may possibly throw a faint light upon what will be the English Eleven in the first test match, which will begin this day week at Birmingham.

In 1878 Australia won by nine wickets; the 1882 match was drawn. In 1884 M.C.C. won by an innings and 115; in 1888 Australia won by 15 runs. M.C.C. won both matches in 1890—the first by seven wickets, the second by four wickets. In 1893 the first was drawn and the second was won by M.C.C. by seven wickets. The first in 1896 was won by M.C.C. by an innings and 13 runs; and in 1899 Australia won both, the first by eight wickets, and the second by nine wickets. The first in 1902 was drawn, and the second was won by Australia by an innings and 34 runs. The one match in 1905 was drawn. M.C.C. "declared" at eight for 183, and one ball, which bowled Duff, was delivered in the Australians' innings. There was no further play. Australians and M.C.C. have each won five.

SOUTH COAST SAVED.

BOUNTEOUS RAINS.

SOME PHENOMENAL FALLS.

CITY AND NORTH COAST PARTICIPATE

Just as the drought in the South Coast districts had reached a very critical stage copious rains fell, the value of which to the great dairying industry cannot possibly be over-estimated.

All the recent general rainstorms missed the coastal districts to the south, and the position had become so alarming that hundreds of farmers were threatened with ruin.

Steady rains for three or four days would perhaps have been more beneficial than the heavy downpours received. Still, the water supply has been renewed, and the prospects of the district are now brighter than for a considerable time past. Crops in the Illawarra are already reviving, and a rapid growth of grass is anticipated.

Some phenomenal falls occurred. At Clifton two inches were recorded within 10 minutes, or at the rate of a foot an hour. The racecourse was flooded, and a good deal of damage resulted. Flood rains were also experienced at other centres.

The rain set in during Tuesday evening, and continued throughout the night and yesterday morning. The Meteorologist describes the storm as the "after-effect" of the recent disturbance which was displaced southwards by the advance portion of an anti-cyclone—or high-pressure system. Extensive cloud areas, however, remained in evidence on Tuesday afternoon over the State. This cloud, presumably, worked eastward to the coast, where conditions had become favourable for fogs, or saturated vapour. With the commingling of these two moist bodies of atmosphere rainfall was produced along the coastline.

At Port Kembla on Tuesday evening Illadulla was the only place on the coast where rainfall was reported, but the winds along the seaboard showed a marked easterly—from the sea—tendency, which at this season of the year is usually associated with the formation of fog.

The anti-cyclone, also, in the course of wheeling round at right angles to its position of Tuesday suffered a slight retrogressive movement, which allowed the rear portion of the disturbance to back on to the coast, where, in parts, the best rainfall since February last was experienced. At Illadulla 226 points were registered, at Nowra 142 points, at Kiama 134 points, and at Wollongong 78 points.

On the coast of the Hunter and Manning district, Seal Rocks and Cape Hawke each had 70 points and Port Macquarie 25 points; and on the north coast Nambucca registered 49 points. Up to 6 p.m. yesterday Newcastle had received 17 additional points.

Illadulla falls exceed the combined totals of March and April, while the amount at Kiama equalled the total for those two months. The 142 points at Nowra is the best fall there for a much longer period. The complete registrations up to 9 a.m. yesterday were:—

Araluen, 32 points; Bowral, 2; Braidwood, 19; Camden, 22; Camden Haven, 5; Cape Hawke, 70; Cooma, 10; Crookhaven, 22; Gloucester, 10; Gledie Point, 6; Greenwood, 4; Hunter's Hill, 11; Jervis Bay, 2; Jindabyne, 1; Kempsey, 3; Kiama, 134; Kiandra, 2; Koscinsko, 22; Maitland, 1; Marrickville, 11; Manning Heads, 10; Moss Vale, 2; Nambucca, 49; Nimitybelle, 8; Nowra, 142; Parramatta, 11; Pelican, 5; Picton, 5; Port Macquarie, 25; Port Stephens, 3; Riverview, 1; Seal Rocks, 70; Sutton Forest, 2; Sydney, 2; Taralga, 2; Taree, 1; Thunderra, 66; Ulladulla, 226; Wollongong, 78; Woolgoolga, 9; Yass, 4.

At 3 p.m. yesterday fine and clear weather prevailed west of the Mountains, but the cloudy, unsettled conditions still ruled between the tablelands and the coast, with showers at scattered places, particularly in the Hunter and Manning districts and over the central tablelands, and northern parts of South Coast districts. Some squally southerly winds also obtained on the seaboard.

In the city unsettled conditions ruled during the day, with squally southerly winds during the afternoon and evening. Light misty rain commenced shortly after 8 a.m., being coincident with the occurrence of fog over the harbour. At about 9 a.m. the sky was obscured by high fog, and the rainfall became steadier. Up to 7.30 p.m. 67 points were registered, the total record up to 9 p.m. being 76 points. At Watson's Bay a good deal of damage was done by heavy rains.

More showers are expected to-day at scattered places on the central and northern portions of the seaboard, and rough seas with southerly squalls are predicted.

ANSWERED PRAYERS.

DAPTO, Wednesday.

A united religious service, conducted by the Rev. G. Mashman (Anglican), the Rev. R. Miller (Presbyterian), and the Rev. J. Thomas (Methodist), was held in the Agricultural Hall last night, when prayers were offered for rain. There was a large attendance. Although there was not a cloud in the sky when the meeting started, before some farmers reached their homes rain began to fall, and showers continued all night and to-day, half an inch being registered.

THE ARRESTED STEAMER.

CLAIM SETTLED.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

The claim against the Spanish steamer Jupiter, which was arrested yesterday at Port Pirie by the marshal's officer of the Supreme Court, in Admiralty jurisdiction, in the suit of J. and A. Brown, Newcastle, has been settled.

IRON BONUSES.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Claims for bounty under the Commonwealth Iron Bonus Act continue to reach the central Customs administration, and it is understood that among the next claimants will be Lysaght Bros. and Co., Ltd., who are manufacturers on a large scale of wire netting in Sydney. The Act provides that bounty may be paid upon wire netting not the product of prison labour made from Australian ore or from wire manufactured in the United Kingdom. In order to become participants in the bounty the company in question has instituted in its works the manufacture of netting from British-made wire.

LORD CHELMSFORD'S ARRIVAL.

CITIZENS' CO-OPERATION INVITED.

The Lord Mayor invites the co-operation of the citizens in decorating the line of route along which Lord Chelmsford will pass on his arrival on Friday, the 28th. He suggested that decorations for Empire Day (Monday) might be left in place until Friday.

LATE EDITION.

THE SURREY MATCH.

HOME TEAM WINS BY 5 RUNS.

THE WICKET FASTER.

AN EXCITING FINISH.

AUSTRALIA, SECOND INNINGS, 207.

USEFUL SCORE BY HARTIGAN.

STAND BY ARMSTRONG AND RANSFORD.

LONDON, May 19, 4.40 p.m.

When play was resumed at Kennington Oval to-day the weather was bright and warm, and the wicket was faster than on the previous day. There was an attendance of 2000. Hayward suffered from strain, and Hayes ran in his place.

Hayward and Strudwick added 15 to the score, of which Hayward's contribution was now 94, and then Strudwick was taken at the slip by Cotter off Whitty for five. Nine for 176. Rushby was last man in, and the innings closed almost at once. Hayward hit two more, 96 in all, and the newcomer had his leg stump knocked down by Whitty. The total was 178. Leaving Australia in a minority of 212. Hayward's innings, which had occupied 225 minutes, was chanceless. It contained only two faulty strokes, and comprised a skilful defence. He gave an exhibition of clean hitting, and his score included a five and ten fours.

In the bowling Whitty took four wickets for 28, and Armstrong four for 77.

The Australians opened with Hartigan and Bardsley. The former made a brilliant drive for five, and hit three fours. In the seventh over Bardsley, who was five, played a ball from Rushby off his foot on to his wicket. Hartigan was 26, and the score one wicket for 35.

Noble filled the vacancy. Hartigan scored freely. When 27 he gave a chance of being run out, and at 31 he was bowled by Rushby, but the ball did not fall. Again at 33 he hit Hitch to second slip, but Marshal did not take the chance. With the total at 64 Hartigan was 40 and Noble 9.

Hartigan was bowled by Hitch in his second over. His score included two fives and six fours. He was at the wickets 45 minutes. Noble was 14, and two wickets were down for 73.

Ransford was next man, and when the score was 79 Noble (16) was easily taken at mid-on by Spring off Rushby. Three for 79. Ransford (4) was joined by Armstrong, and the two increased the score to 104 when the adjournment was made for lunch. Ransford being 18 and Armstrong 9.

After lunch the weather was delightful, and the attendance increased to 6000. Rushby and Lees took up the attack on Ransford and Armstrong, but still runs came. With the total at 128 Ransford, who was timing badly, was 26 and Armstrong 24.

The partnership was dissolved after lasting 65 minutes. Armstrong put his leg before to Hitch and retired. His 30 was an excellent display. Ransford was 37, and improving.

Trumper succeeded, and Ransford became strangely dull. He scored only four while Trumper was hitting 20 in a bright manner. Then Ransford, with 41 to his credit, put his leg before to a yorker from Marshal. Five for 174. Macartney succeded, but in the next over Trumper was taken in the slips by Hayes off Crawford. Six for 174.

M'Alister joined Macartney, and before further score had been made the latter was missed in the slips by Hayes off Rushby. But he did not have a long life. When he had obtained five he tipped a ball from Rushby and Strudwick at the wicket held it. Seven for 186. M'Alister 7.

Carter joined M'Alister, who, having added a single, saw in the next over (Crawford's) the newcomer cleverly caught at the wickets by Strudwick, who knocked the ball up, dashed in front of the wicket, and made a catch close to the ground. Eight for 187.

Cotter was the next man in, and with M'Alister carried the score to 194. Cotter, who was five, was bowled by Rushby. Nine for 194. M'Alister had Whitty for his last partner, had played pluckily. A change in the bowling was effected, and M'Alister, when he was 19, tipped Lees to second slip, where Hitch made a catch. Whitty was 4, and the innings closed for 207.

Surrey thus won by 5 runs.

Scores:—

SURREY—First Innings, 191.

Second Innings.	
T. Hayward, not out	96
J. B. Hobbs, lbw, b Armstrong	4
E. G. Hayes, c Hartigan, b Noble	4
A. Marshal, b Armstrong	4
J. N. Crawford, b Armstrong	20
— Curwen, lbw, b Armstrong	5
A. W. Spring, b Whitty	5
W. Lees, c Whitty, b Macartney	16
W. Hitch, c Macartney, b Whitty	7
H. Strudwick, c Cotter, b Whitty	5
Rushby, b Whitty	0
Sundries	15
Total	178

Bowling.—Whitty, four for 28; Armstrong, four for 77; Noble, one for 35; Macartney, one.

AUSTRALIANS.—First Innings, 157.

Second Innings.	
R. J. Hartigan, b Hitch	44
W. Bardsley, b Rushby	5
M. A. Noble, c Spring, b Rushby	16
V. Ransford, lbw, b Marshal	41
W. W. Armstrong, lbw, b Hitch	30
V. Trumper, c Hayes, b Crawford	20
C. G. Macartney, c Strudwick, b Rushby	5
P. M'Alister, c Hitch, b Lees	19
H. Carter, c Strudwick, b Crawford	0
A. Cotter, b Rushby	5
W. J. Whitty, not out	4
Sundries	18
Total	207

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN LOAN.

LONDON, May 19, 2.50 p.m.

Western Australia is issuing a loan of £1,445,000, bearing interest at the rate of 3½ per cent., at £96 10s. The loan has been underwritten on the usual terms.

THE TALLOW SALES.

LONDON, May 19, 1.30 p.m.

At the sales of Australian tallow to-day 1867 casks were offered and 1000 were sold. Prices were unchanged, viz.:—Mutton, fine 32/6, medium 30/6; beef, fine 31/, medium 29/6.

RETURNED TO PORT.

HEAVY SEAS AND STRONG WINDS.

Shortly before 3 o'clock this morning the Illawarra and South Coast S.N. Company's passenger steamer Moruya, which left Sydney at 9 o'clock last night for Ulladulla and Bateman's Bay, returned to port. She was unable to make headway against the strong southerly winds and heavy seas.

The ship Isle of Arran, from Hamburg, which was making the port early this morning in tow of the tug Leveret, asked for additional power, and the new tug Heroine was despatched to assist the Leveret.

SHAREBROKER SHOT.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Early this morning Thomas Ellison, of the firm of Ellison, Evarad, and Co., sharebrokers, of Melbourne, left the Trawool Hotel, Seymour, on a shooting expedition. Shortly afterwards he was found to a dying condition at a spot a couple of hundred yards away from the hotel. Blood was flowing from a shot wound an inch above the left nipple. He expired almost immediately. His discharged gun was lying on the ground. It is not known how the accident occurred.

FEDERAL FUSION.

MEETING OF CORNER PARTY

A REPRESENTATIVE ELECTED.

MR. DEAKIN STILL STUBBORN.

NEW PROTECTION DIFFICULTIES.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The fusion movement was advanced another stage to-day, when the Corner party met and passed a resolution confirming what had been done in their interests by Sir John Forrest, and gave him power to represent them in future dealings.

The meeting was held at Parliament House. All the members of the party were present, excepting Sir John Quick, who is prevented by a business engagement from leaving Bendigo; Mr. Knox, who is still confined to his room through illness; and Mr. Palmer, who found it impossible through business to be present. Both Sir John Quick and Mr. Knox communicated with Sir John Forrest, and said they were willing to abide by any decisions arrived at by the party. Mr. Palmer arrived at Parliament House after the meeting had concluded, but on being told what had been done expressed his approval of it.

The meeting was presided over by Sir John Forrest, who opened proceedings by telling those present what action he had taken in the effort to bring about a fusion. A general discussion followed, in which nearly all the members voiced their opinions. Finally it was resolved that the members of the party approved of the part Sir John Forrest had taken in the situation. They also gave him authority to act on their behalf in any future negotiations with either Mr. Deakin or Mr. Cook. The view was freely expressed that it was desirable that a fusion should be brought about if it could be done on reasonable terms. The party, however, was not prepared to form part of a combination got together simply to cast the Labour Government out of office. They wanted to see some policy drawn up which would serve to further the interests of the Commonwealth.

Mr. Deakin sat in state in his room at Parliament House nearly all day, and received members of his party and those belonging to the corner. Nothing of moment transpired as the result of these consultations. Although the leader of the Liberal party was strongly urged by several members to reconsider his decision, and agree to take office in any Ministry, which would be constructed as a result of a successful fusion, Mr. Deakin, however, true to the commands of the "Age," which so recently constituted him for taking independent action, declined to give way. In this attitude he is supported by a large section of his party, who claim that he has gone far enough to meet Mr. Cook.

Mr. Deakin's proposal for settling the difficulty in regard to the new protection was the subject of considerable debate to-day. High constitutional authorities are at variance as to whether

monwealth aggression he now opposed it, Mr. D. Levy, M.L.A., said it was merely a newspaper agitation.

Mr. Wade said Mr. Carruthers never promised reduction, but a referendum on it.

Mr. J. Miller said he wanted people to know there was one M.L.A. who promised reduction and stuck to it; but he was ready to accept the amendment. Mr. W. E. V. Robson, M.L.A., thought there should be three State members to each Commonwealth electorate—81 in all.

Mr. Wade objected that if the State Parliament reduced itself it would be supporting the argument of unificationists, who called it an "excrescence" on the political system.

The amendment was accepted, and the motion to defer reduction in view of Commonwealth aggression was carried.

RIGHTS FOR STATE SERVANTS.

Mr. Kelly proposed a plank dealing with the political standing of State servants:—

That the status of all State servants be adjusted by full rights and privileges of citizenship being granted them.

Mr. Kelly (Ashfield) said the Civil servants should have full public rights. He was a State servant himself.

Mr. Wade: Would you approve of a man in my department going on the public platform and abusing me, and perhaps calling me an insect?

Mr. Kelly said Commonwealth servants, who had full public rights, were prevented from just that one thing—from criticising their own departments on the public platform. Public servants could, and did, come and address what were really political meetings in favour of their trades-union principles. But unless your politics were such that you spoke in a trades-union meeting you couldn't touch politics at all.

Mr. Wade: Would it suit you, subject to some qualification—subject to maintaining the discipline of the service?

Mr. Kelly: Give us the privilege subject to that qualification, and we'll accept it.

Mrs. Harris, the wife of a public servant, seconded the motion, which was amended to read:—

That full political rights be granted to all State Civil servants, consistent with the maintenance of discipline in the service.

A question was raised as to how this would affect railway servants, who were under the rules made by their department, and were strictly debarred from joining in political meetings.

Mr. Wade said that it would be, of course, entirely a matter of regulation by the Public Service Board and the department how far this expression of opinion was given effect to.

The motion was then carried.

ELECTORAL.

Mr. Hurley proposed, and Mr. Oakes seconded, the following plank:—

More effectively securing the representation of the will of the people at the ballot box.

Mr. Hurley said the proposal was simply to ensure members being elected by majorities, not minorities.

The systems suggested in the discussion were preferential voting, voting by post, the exhaustive ballot, and compulsory voting on pain of three years' disfranchisement. The preferential system, in which the voter simply put 1, 2, 3 against a list of candidates, was warmly supported. Voting by post was held to offer danger of imposture; but supported as giving a vote to invalids, who could not go to the polls. Mr. Fitzpatrick suggested that special provision should be made for these.

The general resolution was carried.

The conference went further. The Premier explained that the apparent object of the particular systems suggested was: (1) To avoid split votes by adopting the preferential system; and (2) to help sick and absent electors to vote by giving to them (and to them only, and not to lazy voters) the right to vote by post. The conference decided to bind itself to these two systems. The actual wording of these planks reads:—

The adoption of preferential voting.

That the system of voting by post, with proper safeguards and limitations, be introduced in place of, or in addition to, the present method, in order to secure the full voting power of every elector.

Planks for exhaustive ballot and compulsory voting were withdrawn.

LAW REFORM.

The following plank was moved by Mr. Daniel Levy, and seconded by Mr. Lonsdale:—

Lessening the cost of litigation.

Simplifying procedure.

Simplification and cheapening of process of transfer of land.

Amendment of the Defamation Act.

Mr. D. Levy said that in the procedure in her courts New South Wales was behind nearly the whole of the British Empire. The procedure of the Supreme Court was a collection of legal antiquities and forensic absurdities. As to the defamation law, "In the privileged list" recorded to newspapers we are far behind the rest of the civilised world. Newspapers are debarred from privileges which they enjoy in every other part of the Empire." The Act under which they suffered had been passed in the eleventh year of Queen Victoria's reign. As to the conveyancing of land, they ought to simplify it by amendments which had been made in England 30 years ago.

Mr. Grogan said the Country Press Association was watching this motion with interest, because the association had been founded and had worked all along simply for that object. He hooped the amendment of the Defamation Act would become a plank in the fighting platform of the party. It had long been promised.

Mr. Broughton, M.L.A., said the libel law ought to be amended.

The plank was carried, and also a resolution for a commission to give it effect as follows:—

That in the opinion of this conference, the Government should appoint a Royal Commission to inquire into and report upon the subject of Law Reform.

GENERAL.

Mr. E. C. V. Broughton, M.L.A., proposed the following planks:—

1. Effective administration of laws for the advancement of the moral and physical well-being of the community.

2. Amendment of the Public Service Act providing for Appeals.

Mr. Broughton said that it was not intended to weaken the authority of the Public Service Board.

Mr. Levy said that an independent court of appeal was very urgently needed.

Mr. Wade said he had promised the Public Service Association that some means would be found whereby the body that settled the cases in the first instance should not also hear the appeal.

These planks were carried, and also the following:—

Amendment of the Fisheries Act.

Amendment of the Hospitals Act.

Provision for workmen's blocks in population areas.

LIBERALS AND LAND TAX.

At the evening sitting by far the most important business was a proposal for a land tax by Mr. Kelly (Ashfield), as follows:—

That the unimproved value of land suitable for agriculture be taxed for State and closer settlement purposes on the following graduated scale:—

The unimproved value of £500 possessed by any owner be exempt from taxation.

The value over £500 and under £3000 to bear ½d in £.

The value of £3000 and under £3000 to bear 1d in £.

The value of £3000 and under £4000 to bear 1½d in £.

The value of £4000 and under £5000 to bear 2d in £.

And so on—each additional £1000 to bear an additional halfpenny tax, the maximum not to exceed 6d in the £.

The mover said it was possible that the lands of Australia never could sustain a large population. But, if ever they did, it could only be if they were thrown open by a land tax of the sort he proposed. The trouble at present was, not that the lands were not suitable, but that they were locked. He had read in the "Sydney Morning Herald" that Gundagai was in a state of stagnation because the lands around it were locked. He had read the same of Armidale and Inverell. The "Sydney Morning Herald," had said that reexpansion as provided under the Closer Settlement Act by itself did not secure adequate results. The "Herald" said that for every 150,000 acres resumed, an enormous debt was built up; and that it could not help thinking that closer settlement alone would not solve the closer settlement problem. The "Herald" afterwards had a leading article upon the subject. A land tax, said Mr. Kelly, was the popular proposal for meeting that want. If the Liberal party did not meet it by bringing forward a land tax, the Labour party would do so; and the country would be worse off still.

The motion seemed likely to be unseconded, until Mr. Piggott (Blayney) explained that he would do so in order that it might be discussed.

Mr. J. Garland, M.L.C., moved as an amendment:—

That this conference is of opinion that the power of imposing direct taxation by the Commonwealth was intended to be exercised only in the event of emergency, and for revenue purposes; and therefore protests against the proposal of the Commonwealth Government to impose a land tax at the present time.

And secondly:

That until this proposal has been constitutionally endorsed or rejected it is premature to deal with the question at the present time.

Mr. J. Garland said it would be foolish for the State to attempt to impose the land tax until it knew whether the Commonwealth really intended to impose one or not. Secondly, it was absurd for the Commonwealth to pretend it was driven for want of money to resort to direct taxation, when it would have the whole of the Customs revenue to fall back on—£10,000,000—when the Braddon clause expired in a year or two.

Mr. C. Barton, M.L.A., said the people on the land were already overtaxed with protection, and the rabbit and the inspector. They had had two bad years, and another had one would sweep the small man clean off the land.

A lady member: You seem to be all right, though.

Mr. Barton said the farmers and settlers were practically at one with them, and this proposal would split up the party.

Mr. Wade said the Commonwealth proposal to impose a land tax was an encroachment on the rights of the States. It was no good duplicating the land tax, and it would be foolish to attempt to take any action until they knew whether the Commonwealth was going to impose a land tax. The whole pith of the matter was contained in the two amendments, and he thought the best thing would be to take a vote upon them straight away.

The meeting, however, showed clearly that it wanted the country members to be given a chance of discussing the land tax; and the debate went on. The whole of the argument was against the proposal. Mr. Ross, of Germanton, said there was enough discouragement in the country already. Mr. Pigott (Blayney), who seconded the motion, spoke against it. It was taxing the country rather than the livers in pleasant cities. Messrs. Lonsdale, Piggott, and several others were against it.

Mr. Kelly's motion was lost, and the amendment carried unanimously.

Mr. Lonsdale's motion for a land tax to provide for interest on railways and tramways and the reduction of freights was ruled out of order.

DEATH DUTIES REJECTED.

Mr. Kelly proposed a system of probate and succession duties similar to those proposed by the British Chancellor of the Exchequer. The duties began at 2 per cent. on estates of £2000, and worked up to 15 per cent. on estates of £50,000.

The mover said that wealth was only taxed in this State 3d in every £100. It was a gross injustice to the working classes.

The proposal was seconded pro forma and lost.

CAREFULLY NOMINATED UPPER HOUSE.

Mr. Kelly, proposing a reform of the Upper House somewhat on the lines of the Commonwealth Senate—members being elected for six years—said he was afraid he had thought the conference would be rather more in love with reform than it was. He thought the alternative of this reform was the disappearance of the Upper House.

The motion was not seconded, and lapsed. Another motion was for a Legislative Council nominated for seven years.

Mr. Wade said that for 15 years the Upper House had not refused to pass any important legislation sent to it by the Lower House. In the life of the present Government the Upper House had passed the Liquor, Gaming, Industrial, Local Government, and Closer Settlement bills, affecting brewing and sporting people, employers, and landholders. Victoria had found that when the Upper House was elected it resisted the Lower House, because it purported to represent the people's will. To nominate members for a time would lead to a scramble when the time expired. The best remedy for any abuses in the Upper House was to do what the Government did last year, and appoint a number of vigorous men of every form of thought, who had won their place there by merit. The unificationists wanted to do away with the Upper House.

The motion was lost.

PUBLIC TRUSTEE ADVOCATED.

The conference also passed the following plank on the recommendation of the Premier:—

That this conference is of opinion that it is desirable that legislation should be introduced to create a public trustee on similar lines to the legislation now in force in New Zealand.

The platform was thus finally drawn up. During the whole conference the outstanding feature was the vigorous radicalism of Mr. Kelly, of Ashfield. The Premier at its conclusion said he wished especially to thank Mr. Kelly. "Although some of his motions are not ripe for adoption," he said, "on every occasion he showed he was a master of his subject; and there is material there for discussion of a useful character hereafter."

A vote of thanks to Mr. Wade, the president, was very warmly received.

PREPARING FOR WAR.

EXAMINATION SERVICES PROPOSED.

WARNINGS TO MARINERS.

In consequence of the decision of the Naval Board to establish a system of examination services at the principal ports of the Commonwealth the Department of Navigation has issued a notice to mariners explaining what will be required of them, and warning them against a violation of the new regulations.

In connection with periodical exercises or manoeuvres, or in the event of relations becoming strained between Great Britain and any naval Power, an examination service may come into force at the following ports:—Adelaide, Albany, Brisbane, Fremantle, Melbourne, Newcastle, Sydney, Thursday Island, Townsville, Wollongong, and Hobart.

Masters are warned that before attempting to enter any of these ports they must, in their own interests, strictly obey all instructions given to them by the vessels which will be charged with the duty of examining ships desiring to enter the ports, and allotting positions in which the ships shall anchor. In addition to this they are warned on account attempt to enter before receiving permission from the examination officer.

The institution of an examination service at any port will never be publicly advertised, but at all times when the relations of Great Britain with foreign Powers are known to be in a state of tension especial care should be taken in approaching the ports, by day or by night, to keep a sharp lookout for the examination steamer, and to be ready to "bring to" at once when hailed by her, or warned by the firing of a gun.

If the entrance to a port is closed three red vertical lights by night or three red balls by day will be exhibited in some conspicuous position in or near to its approach, and as far as possible notice of this fact will be given by look-out vessels in the offing. When the port is open three white vertical lights will be exhibited, and the pilots attached to the ports will be acquainted with the regulations to be followed.

Examination anchorages have been selected for the following ports:—

Thursday Island.—Seaward (westward) of a line passing north and south through Black Rock.

Brisbane.—Moreton Bay, outside pile light.

Newcastle.—No anchorage. Vessels will be examined before entering.

Sydney.—Quarantine Bay.

Port Phillip.—Seaward of the lines Queenscliff, Pope's Eye, Annuiua, Observatory Point.

Adelaide.—South of a line passing east and west through Wonga Shoal.

Fremantle.—North of the line Straggler's Rocks, Hall Bank buoy, Buckland Hill.

Hobart.—South of the line Mount Nelson, Gellibrand Point.

LODGES AND DOCTORS.

THE WESTERN COMPROMISE.

DISTRICT MOVE ONLY.

A telegram from Wellington in yesterday's "Herald" stated that a compromise had been arrived at between the Western Medical Association and the friendly societies of the west "by which persons receiving an income of over £300 a year will be admitted as members of lodges, but will not be entitled to medical benefits. This will not be retrospective, but will only apply to members admitted after July 1 next."

Yesterday Alderman G. T. Clarke, of the I.O.F., said:—"These are district associations—nothing to do with the Friendly Societies' Association of New South Wales. This body is composed of representatives elected by the parent bodies in annual session; consequently they represent practically the whole of the friendly societies of the State. Whatever these district associations do is applicable to districts only. As to the statement that the lodges would suffer considerably if the provision that no person in receipt of an income over £200 a year should be admitted was retained in the agreement between the doctors and the lodges, the number of members in the lodges receiving over £200 is infinitesimal in a total membership of 130,000.

"But, apart from that, our contention is that it is not for the doctors to discriminate between persons capable of paying ordinary members' fees. Our rules admit members irrespective of their financial position, and if the million and a half of people in this State contributed in the same ratio to the support of the medical men as do members of friendly societies the 600 doctors in New South Wales would be receiving an income of about £2500 each.

"But if a number of people choose to cooperate and pay the doctors a fair average, I don't see what they have to complain about. Most doctors in New South Wales have built up their practices on the support received from friendly societies, but naturally, when their businesses become more lucrative, they desert the bridge which carried them over.

"Notwithstanding the telegram from Wellington, I believe that more than one-half the members of the British Medical Association have no desire to disturb the present relations with friendly societies. A meeting of the Friendly Societies' Association will be called shortly, and a proposal will be submitted to establish a friendly societies' medical institute for the whole State. This, if carried into effect, will embrace lodges in almost every town.

"Then the respective grand lodges affiliated with the Friendly Societies' Association have in annual session all affirmed the proposal not to entertain any wage limit in the medical contract."

NORTH COAST RAILWAY.

WEST MAITLAND, Wednesday.

Fettlers were engaged to-day making a connection with the main northern line at the junction of the North Coast railway. The contractors for the railway have been waiting for this to be done. As soon as the work is completed, plate-laying will be commenced. A large quantity of sleepers has been delivered in readiness for plate-laying.

ALLEGED RAILWAY ROBBERIES.

EVIDENCE AT THE POLICE COURT.

OPERATIONS ON RAILWAY TRUCKS.

NEWCASTLE, Wednesday.

Considerable interest was taken in the hearing of charges in the police court this morning in connection with recent robberies from railway trains in the vicinity of Newcastle. Two men, named Joseph Dunstan and Charles Short, alias Tee and Summers, were charged with stealing in company and individually tobacco, cigarettes, drapery, boots, and other goods, valued at about £140; whilst Thomas Hughes was called on to answer a charge of receiving the tobacco knowing it to have been stolen. Dunstan was defended by Mr. James, Short by Mr. Wood, and Hughes by Mr. Braye. A large amount of evidence was given in reference to the despatch of the goods from Sydney. An interesting account of the manner in which thefts may be committed on the railway was given in the evidence of Inspector Goulder, to whom both Short and Dunstan made voluntary statements at the police station. The inspector's evidence was that Dunstan, after being confronted with a letter that had reached the hands of the police, said that he would tell all about the matter. He then made a statement, which was written down and signed. Later on, when Short was brought in, Dunstan told him that he had told the police all about the robberies. Short then admitted that he and Dunstan had thrown tobacco and cigarettes off the railway train before it got to Woodville Junction. They then got off the train and took the goods to Hughes's washhouse. Hughes had paid them £32. Short also admitted that they had thrown other packages off trains. Dunstan, when asked how they got on the trains, said that they used to go down to Wyong about once a fortnight or oftener, when they had lost money at the races. There they crept under the tarpaulins of trucks while the train was in motion. They crept from truck to truck until they found something they wanted. As showing that they recognised their danger whilst doing this, Dunstan said, "If we slipped we were gone to the mountains." Short, he said, was able to climb under the tarpaulins without undoing the lashings; but he (Dunstan) was not so clever.

Evidence was also given by Detective Murphy that several half-caddies of tobacco were found at Hughes's residence under a bed. Hughes first said the tobacco was placed in his washhouse by two men whilst he was away, and afterwards that he had bought it from a man for £12 10s. He said, when arrested, "This is the first mistake I have made." The three accused were committed for trial at the Newcastle Quarter Sessions on August 1. Bail was allowed.

CASUALTIES.

ACCIDENT AT A NEW BUILDING.

About 20 minutes past 11 a.m. on Tuesday Walter Atenbrough, aged 30, a carpenter, living at Union-street, Erskineville, while working on the New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company's new building in Wattle-street, Ultimo, fell a distance of about 15 feet. His skull was fractured, and after first aid had been rendered by the Civil Ambulance Brigade, who were summoned, he was taken to the Sydney Hospital, and admitted by Dr. Grigor in a serious condition.

KNOCKED DOWN BY ENGINE.

John Burges, 53, living in Portland-street, Waterloo, who was employed as a packer in the Central railway sheds, was knocked down by an engine while at work on Tuesday. He was picked up in an unconscious state and taken to the Prince Alfred Hospital, where he was found to be with several bones in his shoulder broken and a couple of fractured ribs. His condition was serious, but improved towards midnight.

THROWN FROM A VAN.

Samuel Simmonds, living in Morehead-street, Redfern, was driving a spring van along the eastern side of Circular Quay on Tuesday, when one of the wheels caught in the tramline, causing the van to swerve. Simmonds was thrown out, and a wheel of the van passed over his left hand, lacerating three of his fingers. The horse bolted, but was stopped by Traffic-constable Walker near the Orient Wharf. Simmonds was taken to the Sydney Hospital in his own van, and was treated.

BOY'S FOOT CRUSHED.

Isaac Aubrey Wool, aged 5, living with his parents in Ballast Point-road, Balmain, fell from a moving tram in Darling-street, Balmain, on Tuesday. One of the wheels passed over his foot, and crushed it severely. He was taken to the Balmain Hospital, and admitted.

A WOMAN'S DEATH.

WEST MAITLAND, Wednesday.

An inquest was opened at the Courthouse this afternoon concerning the death of a young woman named May Baird, 21, who died in the hospital this morning. Deceased was admitted to the institution from Kurri Kurri on the 7th instant. The coroner (Mr. T. H. Wilkinson, P.M.) viewed the body at the hospital, and formally opened the inquest, which was adjourned until Friday.

DEATHS FROM BURNS.

INVERELL, Wednesday.

Mrs. Stenz, the victim of the burning accident at Delungra, has succumbed to her injuries.

COONAMBLE., Tuesday.

Ivy Edgell, aged 9 years, daughter of George Edgell, was badly burned on Saturday evening, and died yesterday. Her younger sister upset a kerosene lamp, and in endeavouring to save her little sister Ivy met her own death, being terribly burned.

MINER COMMITS SUICIDE.

UPPER COPMANHURST, Tuesday.

At the Cangai copper mines a man named Edward A. Ryan committed suicide yesterday by cutting his throat with a razor. His mate, Joe Clarke, struggled with him for possession of the razor, but was powerless to prevent him carrying out his object. Ryan's brother works on Cangai, but he belongs to Sydney.

FATAL ACCIDENT.

GRAFTON, Tuesday.

Alfred Skinner, aged 58, who had his right leg crushed to a pulp while loading a jinker at Moonee last week, died at Clarence House Hospital on Saturday. The leg was amputated above the knee, but the patient became exhausted through loss of blood.

KILLED BY FALL OF GROUND.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

The Under-Secretary for Mines has received a telegram stating that William Pollock, 18, employed removing mullock, was killed by a fall of ground at Bonnie Dundee this morning.

BAD WEATHER AT FREMANTLE.

EXCURSIONISTS' UNPLEASANT EXPERIENCE.

PERTH, Wednesday.

Stormy weather was experienced at Fremantle yesterday and last night, 110 points of rain being registered. Passengers who went to Rottnest Island in the Government steamer Penguin could not get back to the steamer, and had to spend the night on the island.

The whaleboat, manned by prisoners, tried to reach the Penguin, but was blown back on the beach, the occupants fortunately effecting a safe landing. During the night the wind blew at the rate of 40 miles an hour, and the waves almost reached the level of the long sea jetty.

This morning a fine 23ft yacht, owned by Mr. King, manager of the National Bank, Fremantle, broke away from her moorings, and became a total wreck on the rocks near the old Fremantle baths.

MR. WADDELL'S TOUR.

VISITING HIS ELECTORATE.

CANOWINDRA, Wednesday.

Mr. Waddell, Colonial Treasurer, accompanied by Mr. Cohen, M.L.A., visited here to-day. He was met by Shire Councillors, and the town band. Complimentary sports were held, and proved a great success. The Treasurer will be banqueted to-night.

QUEENSLAND TOBACCO INDUSTRY.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

Mr. Nevill, the tobacco expert, submitted a report to the Under-Secretary for Agriculture on his visit to the north of the State, including Bowen and surrounding districts. He found nearly 100 acres under tobacco. In many instances the crop was looking green and healthy, but small on account of the late season experienced by growers. He estimates that there will be from 40 to 50 tons of cigar leaf from the crop now being harvested. He thinks the coming year will probably show the local supply to be equal to the Australian demand. He is doubtful about the climate of Ravenswood being suitable for the production of good cigar leaf. He advises farmers not to go into the industry too rapidly, because of the limit of the demand being reached.

THE BARRIER DISPUTE.

POSITION AT BROKEN HILL.

BROKEN HILL, Wednesday.

A largely attended mass meeting was held at the Crystal Theatre this morning, when the position was put before the men. Prior to the ballot another meeting of the same character was held to-night.

The Rev. C. E. Schaffer, who has taken a firm stand throughout the dispute, addressed a large crowd in Sulphide-street this afternoon. He had a rough time for a while, but his bravery finally won him a hearing. Mr. Schaffer told the men they had lost nearly £30,000 in wages through the strike. He advised the men to be sensible and vote "Yes" on the return to work ballot.

Mr. Peter Bowling, who was present, asked permission to speak, and on it being granted, told the men to vote "No," but his advice was not too favourably received.

This morning's meeting at the theatre was addressed by Messrs. Nulty, Renton, Leane, Warnock, Rosser, Mann, and Bowling. Most of the speakers advised the men to allow the Port Pirie men to return to work, but Mr. Bowling and Mr. Warnock said that the men should remain firm and should not give way on a single point.

SITUATION AT PORT PIRIE.

ANOTHER BALLOT TO BE TAKEN.

BROKEN HILL, Wednesday.

The Combined Unions' Committee and Port Pirie delegates sat for over 12 hours yesterday considering the position, especially as regards Port Pirie, and finally agreed.—"That the position at Port Pirie be put to a mass meeting, and a referendum be taken on the same." The meeting then agreed to hold two meetings to-day, one at 11 a.m., and one at 1 p.m.; also to take a referendum from 1 p.m. to-day until 6 p.m. Thursday, on the question: "Do you agree with the decision of the Combined Unions at Port Pirie to resume work?"

The debate was at times very warm. Some of the delegates were of the opinion that the situation at Port Pirie was hopeless, as the rot had set in, and could not be stopped. Others held the opinion that it was not too late to retrieve lost ground, and that Broken Hill unionists should refuse to sanction the return to work under Mr. Delprat's conditions.

The A.M.A. held a meeting last night, and resolved that the association instructs its delegates on the Combined Unions committee not to endorse the action of the Combined Unions at Port Pirie.

PICKET FINED.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

J. J. Robinson, who is working at the Proprietary Company's smelters, at Port Pirie, was going to work on a bicycle this morning, when a picket named Thomas John Jones rushed out, and catching the handles of the bicycle, which was going at a fair pace, caused Robinson to fall heavily to the ground. Jones was arrested by a constable who saw the assault, and brought before Mr. J. H. Sinclair, S.M., on a charge of assault. Defendant was fined £4 18s in all; in default, one month's imprisonment. Accused was given until the following morning to pay the fine.

FIRE ON A RACECOURSE.

ARMIDALE, Wednesday.

A fire broke out last night in the grandstand on the Armidale racecourse, the property of the New England Jockey Club. It was completely demolished. The fire brigade succeeded in saving the adjoining buildings. The building was insured for £400 in the Mercantile Mutual Company. The origin of the fire is unknown.

THE AUSTRALIAN NAVY.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The nine artificers selected by the Commonwealth Government to take part in the construction of the destroyers for Australia left for London to-day by the steamer Suevic.

THE PLAGUE.

SUSPICIOUS CASE AT ADELAIDE.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

Wickter H. Towendor, a seaman, on the ketch Victor, employed in the local coastal trade, was admitted to the Port Adelaide Casualty Hospital on Monday evening, suffering from illness strongly suspicious of bubonic plague. He took a turn for the worse on Tuesday, and died at 5 o'clock this morning. A bacteriological examination is being made to determine whether the case is plague. This is the fourth report of suspicious plague since the initial outbreak last month. Towendor is the third victim.

STEAMER KIAMA DAMAGED.

STRIKES TOM THUMB ISLANDS.

TO BE DOCKED TO-DAY.

During a thick rainstorm at about 5.45 a.m. yesterday, while the steamer Kiama, belonging to the Kiama Road Metal Company, Ltd., was on her way in ballast from Sydney to Kiama, she ran ashore on the most northeastern point of the Tom Thumb Islands almost abreast of Wollongong. Fortunately, on account of the hazy conditions prevailing, the vessel was under easy steam, and the impact was not very severe. The mate, Mr. Allison, was on the bridge at the time, and he immediately summoned Captain M'Indoe, who on hour previously had gone below.

The engines were stopped at once, and almost immediately the Kiama backed off into deep water. A little water made its way into the forepeak, but Captain M'Indoe resolved to continue his voyage to Kiama, where the vessel safely arrived.

It was ascertained that the forefoot had been badly crushed. With one exception of a slight leak in the forehold, however, the vessel was not making water anywhere, and he master decided to load a part cargo of bluestone at Sydney. The forehold was allowed to remain empty, but after the remaining spaces had been filled the Kiama left for Sydney, and arrived here last evening.

On berthing at Double Bay the Kiama was boarded by the Leader, the secretary of the Kiama Blue Road Metal Company, Limited, who, after ascertaining the extent of the damage, completed arrangements for the steamer to be floated into Mort's Dock at noon to-day for survey and repairs. The cargo was subsequently removed to Cowper Wharf, Woolloomooloo Bay, and later to Blue's Point, to complete discharge of her cargo.

The pilot at Kiama, who advised the Department of Navigation by telegraph of the mishap, stated that the damage to the vessel was not sufficient to warrant her detention. The Kiama is a steel screw steamer of 358 tons gross, and 191 tons net, and was built in 1902 by Messrs. Mackie and Thomson, of Glasgow.

OVERDUE SHIPS.

THE AUSTRALIAN AND SOPHIE.

Practically all hope has been abandoned for the safety of the British ship Australian, now nearly six months out from Masatlan, Mexico, on a voyage to Sydney, and it is expected that she will shortly be posted at Lloyd's as "missing." Some months ago she was posted "overdue," and in March re-insurances were effected at a premium of £83 per cent. The Australian has been unfortunate for many weeks past, and is feared that she has foundered with all hands. She was coming here in ballast for orders in command of Captain Hunter.

Another sailing vessel—the Norwegian ship Sophie—is now overdue at Sydney from Ancon, Peru, which port she left 113 days ago. The voyage from the West Coast of South America is usually accomplished in about 60 days, and a good deal of anxiety for the Sophie is naturally being experienced. She is in ballast, in command of Captain Farup, and was ordered to call at this port for instructions.

The steamer Induna, of Burns, Philp, and Co.'s line, which was expected here 10 days ago from the Marshall and Gilbert islands, and which has evidently been detained, may bring news of the overdue ships.

OPIUM DEN RAIDED.

A certain two-roomed structure in Lower Campbell-street is neither a residence nor a place of business, yet it cannot be termed an untenanted cottage, for Chinese were known to frequently visit there. About 4 o'clock yesterday Plain-clothes Constables Robins and M'Knight went round to the lane at the back. They found the gate well secured and the fence 6ft high. M'Knight climbed over, let Robins into the yard, and the two men then made a rush into the shanty. In one room they found six Chinese. Four were doing nothing in particular, but on two filthy mattresses two old men were revelling in the delights of an opium smoke. All the appliances were handy—pipes, lamps, and opium. The constables arrested the two, whose feeble steps seemed to betoken years of servitude to the habit, and marched them off to the police station.

TONGA.

DISASTROUS HURRICANE.

LOSS OF LIFE.

NUKUALOFA, April 30.

The auxiliary schooner Elfreda, of the D.H.P.G., Haapai, arrived here a few days ago from Niuafoou, one of the outlying islands of the group, bringing news of a hurricane which had passed over the island on the 12th instant. Captain D. Anderson reports that he arrived at Niuafoou a few days after the "blow" and found much apparent distress. Inquiries showed that on the evening of the 13th, at about 11 o'clock, heavy weather set in from the north-east, and an hour later a gale was blowing, which increased considerably in violence up till 1 o'clock, when it moderated and a calm prevailed for about half an hour. The wind then came in from the opposite quarter, and did considerable damage, and, what is most regrettable, caused loss of life, through a house falling in upon the occupants. Captain Anderson states that he learnt of five deaths, and at his time of leaving, there were many of the natives who had not recovered from injuries received; whilst in two cases, there was little hope of recovery. Most of the native houses on the island were blown down, and a good number of cocoanut trees were ruined. Strange to say, the island of Niuatoputabu—though only 50 miles away—did not in any way experience the "blow."

VAVAU HOSPITAL.

The newly-erected hospital at Vavau, was formally opened by his Majesty the King on the 13th instant. The new building is on a commanding site, and is well equipped, the operating theatre having received special attention. A 20,000-gallon concrete tank is the means of water supply, and piping has been conveniently laid on all over the building. The hospital grounds have been tastefully laid out by the attendants.

A building similar to the Vavau Hospital is to be erected at Haapai, at an early date; also a doctor's residence, the latter at a cost of £700.

THE FINANCES.

The statement of the finances of the Kingdom for the year 1908 have just been published. The returns must be considered most satisfactory. The revenue for the year amounted to £32,600. This, coupled with the balance from the previous year—£19,000—brings the total amount up to £53,600. The total expenditure for the year was £42,200. The main items of expenditure were the new ferro-concrete wharf at Vavau, erected at a cost of £9000, road works at Tongatabu, £2329; road works at Vavau, £1800; new post-office and Treasury, Nukualofa, £1700.

THE DREADNOUGHTS.

EMPIRE DAY REHEARSAL.

SCHOOL CHILDREN'S DISPLAY.

About 7000 of the Public school children were conveyed by tram to the Sydney Cricket Ground yesterday morning to take part in the proposed rehearsal of the programme to be carried out on Empire Day. Owing, however, to the rain, which fell continuously during the forenoon, the management committee decided that no drills should take place; and as fast as the children arrived they were hurried into the stands. The children didn't mind "a bit of rain," and they said so, and wanted to go on; but the committee would not be denied, and in order to give them something to do they were called to attention and went through a number of patriotic songs, the bands of H.M.S. Powerful, the Sobraon, and Cadets lending their assistance. The cadets, under Colonel Paul, Major Anderson, and Lieut. Smith, mustered well. As the weather continued wet, and there was no prospect of anything being done, the children were returned to their homes between 2 and 3 o'clock.

The committee met last night, and debated the question of holding another rehearsal on Friday, but in view of the great expense entailed and other considerations it was finally decided to get the children to the ground early on Monday morning and rehearse the tableau, before the gates are opened to the general public.

The Railway Commissioners will be asked to furnish the same service of trams and trains as was done yesterday, but full particulars will be furnished to the schools to-day. The committee decided last night that the prices of admission shall be one shilling to the ground and a shilling extra to the grandstand.

PROPOSED FOOTBALL MATCH.

UNION v LEAGUE.

Mr. E. W. O'Sullivan's proposal that the two Australian football teams that toured England should play a match in aid of the Dreadnought Fund has brought a reply from the secretary to the fund, thanking him for the patriotic and generous offer made by the league, and stating that the committee was unanimous in regard to the proposal. It has been decided to accept and place the matter in the hands of Mr T. H. Kelly, the vice-chairman, to endeavour to arrange an interview between the two rival bodies.

CITIZENS' RELIEF FUND.

Amount previously acknowledged	£66,749 9 7
G. L. Boyce, Neutral Bay	5 0 0
Officers and employees, Balmain New Ferry Company, Limited	22 5 0
A few Seventh-day Adventists: John See and Co., £10 10s; Cameron and M'Fadyen, £1 1s; Livingstone and Bashford, £1 1s; Davidson Bros., £1 1s; Hawken and Vance, £1 1s; Walker and Oxley, £1 1s; Foster and Sons, £1 1s; F. Boylson and Co., £1 1s; Parramatta and Co., £1 1s; R. J. Mollholland and Co., £1 1s; R. Robinson and Co., £1 1s; Robert Hay, £1 1s; Thos. Clarke, £1 1s; N.S.W. Produce Co., £1 1s; Dennett and Makin, £1 1s; Foster and Hendry, £1 1s; Watson, Noble, and Co., £1 1s; Prescott, £1 1s; Thos. Mitchell, £1 1s; F. Crocker, £1 1s; Denham Bros., £1; J. Haigh and Co., £1 1s; C. J. Potts and Co., £1 1s; Orr and Johnstone, Ltd., £1 1s; Tasmanian Produce Depot, £1 1s; Drew and Brown, £1 1s; T. C. Davis and Sons, Ltd., £1 1s; Wells and Smith, £1 1s; Ellis and Co., £1 1s; Bausbe and Lowrey, £1 1s; Dent and Perry, £1 1s; C. W. Craig, £1 1s; Hannan and Purves, 10s 6d; J. Wood, Blackwood and Sons, £1 1s; T. Smith and Co., Ltd., £1 1s; E. Weisner, 10s 6d; John Cameron, £1 1s; W. Gray and Co., £1 1s; L. L. Boschell and Co., £1 1s; J. M'Kay, 10s	50 0 0
Employees William Arnold, Ltd.	0 8 6
Officers of the Lunacy Department	99 3 0
	£66,926 6 1

ADVERTISING AUSTRALIA.

BIG PURCHASE OF NEWSPAPERS.

The following notification was recently published:—"The Governor-General in Council has approved of the expenditure of £225 without calling for tenders for the purchase of 7000 copies of the 'Clarion.'"

Mr. John Hurley writes vigorously protesting against this expenditure. He says that it is equivalent to subsidising a socialistic paper, and that the cost of the 7000 papers was £50 above the market price. Mr. C. C. L. Fitzpatrick also objects to the expenditure, and says:—"We can almost hear the howl of indignation that would be raised in certain quarters were the Wade Government to pay a similar amount for copies of the 'Pastoralists' Review.'" The matter was brought under the notice of the Prime Minister yesterday. Mr. Fisher said that his colleague, Mr. Batchelor, had dealt with the expenditure. All he remembered was that the number of the "Clarion" was a special one; that copies were distributed in Germany, Austria, Italy, England, Ireland, and other countries; and that as far as he knew the extra £50 was probably the cost of distribution; but he was not positive as to the details, which Mr. Batchelor could supply.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Recently the Commonwealth Government purchased 7000 copies of the newspaper "Clarion," for which they paid £225. The Minister concerned (Mr. Batchelor) was absent in New Guinea at the time the matter was made public, and the explanation made by the departmental head was that the issue of the paper in question was purchased for advertising purposes, as it contained articles on the wheat and wine industries of Australia, which were regarded as valuable contributions to the literature dealing with the resources of Australia.

SAMOAN TROUBLE ENDED.

TWELVE CHIEFS DEPORTED.

SUVA, May 12.

The difficulty with the natives in Samoa having been satisfactorily settled, the German Squadron is dispersing.

The Arcona arrived from Apia on the 10th inst, and sailed on the 11th for Simsonhaven. She had on board two of the deported chiefs and about forty of their followers.

The storeship Titania, attached to the squadron, arrived from Apia on the 10th, and sailed on the 11th for Simsonhaven.

The Jaguar sailed from Apia direct to New Britain with ten deported chiefs.

The Loipzic is due on the 14th from Apia with Admiral Coerper on board. The Admiral will transfer to the R.M.S. Makura on the 17th inst on route to Germany.

The Koiya, collier to the German squadron, is due on the 14th, and after discharge of her coal takes in a load of copra at Suva and Levuka for Sydney.

The German gunboat Condor arrived from Sydney on the 11th inst, and is still in harbour.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—May 19.

Tofua, s, 4345 tons, Captain G. Holford, from Auckland, Tonga, Samoa, and Fiji. Passengers—Misses Woodcock, Beattie, Brenannen, Hawkins, Dykes, Grazier; Mesdames Collins, Langdale and 2 children, Harris, Pehl, Logan, De Maussey, Hickson and infant, Henderson, Holmes and 2 children, and Riedel, Messrs. Collins, J. D'Alpuget, Lieber, Kiebert, Master Stokes, Fenner, Capt. Langdale, Mitchell, Shappere, Harris, Lovejoy, Rouse, Paul, Logan, Spence, Alison, Farrant, Allen, Henderson, Middenway, Webb, Dunkley, Vawan, Erickson, Nugent, Diedel, Gray, and Powell. F. W. Jackson, agents.

Airlie, s, 2327 tons, Captain Wilson, from Singapore, Batavia, Samarang, Port Darwin, Thursday

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

STOCKS AND SHARES.

A larger volume of business was effected on 'Change yesterday. Toohey's Brewery rose 2/6, Fresh Food and Ice eased /1½, Sydney Hydraulic (contg) /6, Hetton Coal rose 4/.

The following sales were reported:—Morning: Aaron's Exchange Hotel, 6/6; Sydney Hydraulic, contg, 12/6. Afternoon: Wickham and Bullock Island Coal, 12/6; Hetton Coal, 90/; Caledonian Coal, £12/10/; Illawarra Steam, 18/; Toohey's, Limited, 12/3; Tooth and Co., 41/9; Fresh Food and Ice Company, 10/6; Sargent's, Limited, 25/9; North Coast Steam, 26/; Colonial Sugar, £45/10/.

Closing quotations were:—

Company.	Amount of Shares.	Shares Paid Up.	Last Div. Per Annum.	Price. Last Sale.	Buyer.	Seller.	Yield to Investor.
STOCK.							
B.S.W. ... F. S.			3	85	84½	...	
Do. due 1912			3½	97/10	98	98½	3
Do. due 1912			4	100½	100½	...	
Do. due 1912			5	103	104	...	
Do. due 1913			3½	98½	98	...	
Do. due 1913			4	99	98	99	
Do. due 1921			3½	103	98	99	
Do. due 1923			4	100	...	...	
Do. due 1930			4	100	...	105	
Do. Act 1873			4	...	107	109	
Do. Debentures			4	...	98	...	
No. 7 Rds., 1911			3½	99½	98	...	
Ditto			4	100	100	...	
N.Z. Deb., 1913			4	101	...	102	
Ditto			4	101	...	101	
S. Deb., 1913			4	100½	100½	...	
Ditto, 7 Rds.,			4	100½	102	100	
Gas Co., D., "sa"			4	102	100	...	
City Bd. Deb.			4	100	100	...	
Cd. Sug. D., 14			5	106	105	...	
BANKS.							
Australasia	40	40	14	112½	112	...	4½
Bank of N. S. W.	5	2	5	28/6	28/	...	3½
City of Sydney	100	10	8	55	54/6	...	4½
Ditto, new		2	3	55½	52/6	...	5½
Com. of Aust.	10	10	...	9/9	...	...	
Ditto, pref.	10	10	2	5/14	...	5/	5½
Com. of Sydney	100	13½	10	29/7.6	29	29½	4½
Nat. Aus. and.	5	5	5	5	5/6	5/7.6	5½
Ditto, pref.	10	10	5	11/4	11½	11¾	4½
N.S.W.	100	24	12	48½	48	48½	4½
New Zealand	64	32	12½	3	...	...	
Q'land Nat.	5	5	...	16/3	15/9	16	
Royal of Q.	25	25	14	5/7.6	96	...	5½
Union	25	25	14	63½	63½	...	4½
DEPOSITS.							
A.J.S. Bank			3	13/	11/9	...	5
Clan B.			3	13/	11/9	...	5
Clan B., 1917			3	10/3	17/6	...	4½
Clan B., 1912			3½	12/3	12/9	...	4½
Ditto, 1915			3½	11/9	12/	...	5½
Com. of Aus.			3	17/9	17/6	...	3½
E. S. and A.			3	12/6	12/8	12/9	4½
Inter., pref.			4½	17/9	17/3	18/	4½
Ditto, def.			4½	17/9	17/3	18/	4½
Ditto, 1st			3½	16/5	16/9	...	5½
Q'land National							
STEAM.							
B'ton. S. Ferry	1	1	10	32/6	32/3	33/	6½
E. Smith, ord.,							
paid	1	1	15	46/	45/6	46/	6½
Ditto, pref., pd.	1	1	15	21/	20/6	21/	4½
Illawarra	1	15	7	18/	17/6	18/6	5½
Newcastle	1	1	6	25/	...	24/6	4½
North Coast	1	17/6	8	26/3	26/	26/6	5½
Port Jackson	1	1	10	46/6	45/6	47/6	3½
Sydney Ferries	1	1	15½	63/	63/	...	4½
Union of N.Z.	20	1	1	8	...	20/	
INSURANCE.							
B. M. Fire!	7	1/5/	14	44/6	44/	...	6½
Col. Mutual	1	1	25%	55/6	...	...	
Ins. Australia	1	6/6	15%	17/6	17/	17/9	5½
New Zealand	10	2	10	79/	...	26/	5
Queensland	1	10/	8	18/3	...	19/3	4½
United	10	2½	15%	5½	5½	5¾	5½
GAS.							
Albury	1	12/6	10	22/6	22/3	...	
Australian	1	1	15	12/15	19½	19½	10/15/
Do., new issue	6	5	15	11½	11½	12	
Charbon Towers	10	10	...	14/9	...	...	
Goulburn	1	1	15	23/6	23/	...	6½
Grafton	1	1	8	22/3	30/	...	4½
Kat., Lours	1	1	8	24/	22/	...	4½
Maitland	1	1	6	8	...	...	
Ditto	1	1	9½	42/6	43/	50/	4½
Do., new issue	1	7/6	9½	25/	32/	...	
Mudgee	1	1	7	23/	24/	...	6½
Newcastle	1	2	15	64	...	6	6½
North Shore	1	1	8	41/	40/	42/	4½
New Issue	1	1	5	21/6	23/	...	
BREWERIES.							
C. and W. Bros.	1	1	4	9/10½	9/10½	10/3	8½
Perkins'	10/	10/	20	37/6	...	37/6	5½
Toohey's	1	1	12½	13/3	...	13/6	4½
Tooth's	1	1	10	41/9	42/	42/	4½
MISCELLANEOUS.							
Aarons' Ex. Hl.	15/	10/	5	6/6	6/4½	...	4½
A. Taylor, Co.,	1	1	10	26/6	25/	...	7½
Aust. Rat. Mills	1	1	10	...	25/9	...	
Aus. Cycle and							
R.H. W. Supply	15/	15/	10	31/11	31/	...	
Burns, Philp	1	1	10	44/	41/	43/	4½
Bull, Arthur	10/	10/	10	21/6	21/	...	4½
Col. Sugar Co.	20	20	10	45½	45½	46½	4½
Dalgety, Co.	25	5	7	5/15/	5/	...	4½
Dent, A., pref.	1	1	10	21/	...	...	
Dent B., Ltd.	1	1	10	10½	10	1/9	2/3
Ezra P.G., R.M.	1	16/	6	17/3	17/	19/	5½
E. Rich and Co.	1	1	5	14/6	...	18/9	5½
Gordon, Smith,	15/	15/	7	17/3	17/	17/3	4½
Hotel Metropole	1	1	7	27/	...	26/	
Ditto, pref.	1	1	6	17/	...	...	
H. M. Stewart	1	1	10	18/	...	18/	7
Ditto, pref.	1	1	10	19/9	...	20/	7
H. Clark, Co.	1	1	8	22/	...	22/6	7
Hotel prof.	10	10	6	10½	10½	10½	6½
Ditto, def.	10	10	20	39/	...	39/	5½
Hotel de Paris	1	1	10	42/6	41/	42/	
Hort's Dock	1	1	6	20/	...	20/	
Ditto, pref.	1	1	6	27/6	...	27/6	5½
N.A.W. P.F.L.	12/	10/	6	10/6	10/9	11/	5½
Paul and Gray,	1	1	10	10/6	26/9	7	
Ditto, pref.	1	1	10	17/3	12/6	13/	4½
Penn. Trust	5	2/6	10	5/5	5/	5/4	4½
Pitt, Son, Badg.	1	11/	10	16/6	16/	18/	
R. H. and A.	1	1	3	...	...	21/	
Rosenthal Beach	1	1	10	...	25/9	25/6	9½
Sel. Trusts	1	1	10	85/	85/	87/	9½
Sel. Cycle Agency	1	1	10	17/6	17/	18/	5½
Sydney Exch.	10	10	6	12½	12	12½	4½
Syd. Hydraulic	1	1	10	28/6	28/	29/	7½
Ditto, con.	1	19/	10	12/6	12/	13/	7½
S. Hy. and G.E.	1	15/	12½	24/6	24/6	25/	5½
W. H. Soul	1	1	15	51/	50/	52/	5½
Wright, Heaton	2½	2½	15	60/	...	60/	
LAND and BD.							
Cen. B. and L.	10	10	...	...	2/6	...	
Equitable	1	1	10	20/	...	20/	10
Aus. Prov.	20	20	6	19	20	21	6½
Inter. Inv.	1	15/	12½	32/6	30/	...	4½
B. and L. M.	1	1	1	...	...	...	
COAL.							
Bellambi	1	1	20	47/9	47/6	48/6	8½
Bulli	10	10	10	21/6	21/	22/	9½
East Greta	1	1	10	29/6	27/	29/9	6½
Hetton Greta	1	1	10	5/	4/9	...	
Hetton	5	5	6	80/	79/	82/	7½
Ditto, 1 pref.	1	1	6	80/	79/	...	7½
Ditto, 2 pref.	1	1	10	42/	11/6	...	7½
N. Bellambi	10	10	18	28	28	...	6½
Newcastle	11	10	5	21/6	21/	24	7½
North Bulli	10	10	10	30/	...	31/	6½
Stockton	10	10	12	12/6	12/	12/6	4½
Sale of Clwydd	1	1	10	35/	35/6	36/	5½
Wallsend	10	10	20	27	27	28½	7½
Waratah	1	6	1	...	1/6	...	
Ditto, new	1	1	5	12/6	12/6	13/	...
Ditto, new	1	18/	1	11/6	11/3	...	
Ditto, pref.	1	1	10	29/6	28/	29/6	...
Abermain	1	1	10	...	22/6	...	

† Where dividends are interim the yield is based on a year's distribution, otherwise on the last half-yearly rate. * Plus annual payments of 10/6 per cent. ‡ Ex dividend.

INTERSTATE EXCHANGES.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

To-day's Exchange sales were:—Commercial Bank, pref., £5/15/; Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., 4/3; Metropolitan Gas, £10/16/; Melbourne Tram, 42/6; Iron and Steel, 60/; Zinc Corporation, 6/3, 6/.

FINANCIAL.

N.D.L.'S LOSSES.

The Norddeutscher-Lloyd Steamship Company made a loss last year of no less than £293,000, involving the entire wiping-out of the reserves and renewal funds. Of the total undivided profits of £1,699,907, with which the company began the year, it was left with only £507,307 in the shape of its insurance fund. The company's earnings in 1908 were only £402,900, as against £1,634,850 in 1907, and £1,582,300 in 1906. In their statement the directors say:—"Business in 1908 was affected in the most unfavourable way by the abnormally great and comprehensive dropping off in emigration to America, as well as by the extremely depressed condition of the freight market, which was further aggravated by rate competitions among several lines. Steerage passages in 1908 were 186,000 less than in 1907. Return emigration to Italy was unimportant by comparison, especially as in consequence of the rate war between Mediterranean lines prices were reduced to a point which prohibited profits. Notwithstanding the most rigid economies in operating and the laying up of a large number of ships (no fewer than 47 westward sailings being cancelled during the year) the results have been so limited that in order to write off the required sums for depreciation, taxes, interest, etc., it was necessary to utilise the entire reserve and renewal funds. Since the beginning of 1909 emigration to America has shown a considerable increase. The hope seems justified that an improvement has set in." The following are given as the principal items in the accounts:—

	1907.	1908.
Gross profits on working	£1,634,850	£402,900
Extraordinary repairs	101,500	100,250
General charges, taxation, interest, etc.	288,900	411,550
Writing off	903,400	701,350

The board decided that they could reduce the amount written off as compared with former years, because the wear on many steamers was less, owing to long lying up. The amount written off on the interest held by the company in other companies was £56,000.

AUSTRALIAN SMELTING CORPORATION.

The following circular has been issued to shareholders of the above-named company:—Referring to my circular letter of October 2 last, in which you were informed that a six months' option had been granted to purchase the company's Australian assets on the terms therein set forth, I now regret to inform you that the option holders have decided not to exercise the rights conferred by the option agreement, and consequently these were allowed to lapse, by effluxion of time, on the 2nd inst. My directors are now carefully considering what is the best step to be taken in the interests of the shareholders.

The option was held by the Broken Hill South and the Broken Hill North companies.

LOCAL WOOL MARKET.

For the sales to take place on May 31 and June 1, 10,000 bales are already announced (writes Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd.). These will include some early-shorn New South Wales wools, and consignments of greasy and scoured wool from Queensland. An excellent market is looked forward to with prices showing an advance on those paid at the Sydney April auctions.

WORLD'S SILVER PRODUCTION.

An estimate of the world's silver production in quantity and value as for each of the last 10 years may be given as follows:—

Year.	Total Ounces.	Total Value.
1899	167,234,248	£19,161,112
1900	172,326,573	20,344,373
1901	173,071,283	19,598,934
1902	182,703,483	16,318,781
1903	167,698,192	17,292,944
1904	164,195,396	16,044,172
1905	169,588,839	19,652,873
1906	165,840,640	21,308,978
1907	185,014,623	22,271,622
1908	183,786,953	18,386,690

The average price of silver in London last year was /24 13-32 per ounce, as against /26 3-16 in the preceding year, and /30¼ in 1906, a fall of /5 7-32 in the past 12 months, which explains the greater part of the decline in the aggregate value of the year's supplies. There can be little doubt that the fall in the price of the metal tended to check mining operations, especially where the ore treated is largely of a low-grade character.

IRON, STEEL, AND METALS MANUFACTURING CO.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

It is proposed to reconstruct the Iron, Steel, and Metals Manufacturing Co., Ltd. At present the capital consists of £20,000 in £5 shares, existing shares to be divided in five shares of £1 each, paid up, and capital of company increased to £100,000 by the creation of 70,000 new £1 shares. Twelve thousand of new shares are to be offered to shareholders in the existing company at par, less an underwriting discount of 25 per cent. The balance of 58,000 shares will be held in reserve.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Imports into the State during the first four months in the current year have diminished by £765,113, or by nearly 7 per cent.

Direct overseas imports during the same period, however, only diminished by £70,946.

Oversea exports were increased by £12,589.

Among the movements in overseas exports were:—Minerals, £645,000 decrease; butter, £180,000 decrease. However, wool exports increased by £424,000, wheat by £598,000, meats by £157,000, and tallow by £94,000.

Exports of produce increased by £480,000, those of gold decreased by £468,000, the difference being the net increase of £12,000 above referred to.

The Government Statistician shows in the "Statistical Bulletin" that the State revenue for the first 10 months of the financial year has fallen off by £531,664, or 4.5 per cent.

The same authority places the increase in expenditure at £748,667, or 7.1 per cent.

These figures together show a backward movement of £1,280,331 for the period.

The Supreme Court of the United States have refused permission to certain policyholders of the Equitable Life Assurance Society to bring a suit against the officers of the company for accounting and the appointment of a receiver to take charge of the assets of the company.

Over half a million policyholders were interested in the matter.

The Japanese mail steamer Kumano Maru, which sailed yesterday for Manila, China, and Japan, had on board 50 boxes of sovereigns, valued at £250,000. The shipment was made by the Union Bank of Australia, and was for Japan.

The local manager of the Orient Company received a cable from London yesterday as follows:—"The O.S.N. Company's report and accounts are now published. They write off to reserve the full amount required for depreciation; they pay a dividend of 5 per cent., and carry forward £15,961."

Mr. A. E. Carfrae was elected an auditor of the Mercantile Mutual Insurance Company, Limited, at an extraordinary meeting yesterday, in place of Sir W. P. Manning, resigned.

Mr. J. T. Toohey has been appointed to local board of the South British Insurance Company, Ltd.

LONDON FINANCIAL CABLES.

BANKS AND AUSTRALIAN STOCKS.

LONDON, May 18.

Bank of Australasia, £1 higher at b £108/10/, a £109/10/.

Bank of New South Wales, £1 higher at b £45/10/, a £46/10/.

Union Bank of Australia, £2 higher at b £54, a £55.

National Bank of New Zealand, 5/ higher at b £5/10/, a £5/15/.

Bank of New Zealand 4 per cent. guaranteed stock (new issue), 10/ lower at £101/10/.

Bank of New Zealand, unchanged at b £9/10/, a £10.

New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company 4 per cent., unchanged at £94.

City of Melbourne 4 per cent., 10/ higher at £101/10/.

Melbourne Harbour Trust 4 per cent. bonds 10/ higher at £101/10/.

Melbourne Tramway Trust 4½ per cent. debentures, £1 higher at £104.

Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works 4 per cent. debentures, £1 higher at £103.

COMMERCIAL.

THE MARKETS.

A quiet tone continues to characterise the general merchandise markets. The line with the most action in yesterday was Standard brand rabbit-traps. The Victorian market is apparently bare of these, and inquiries on the Sydney market did not bring to light many ready sellers. Stocks on spot are now fairly concentrated, and not at all heavy. Business was done on the basis of late rates, but holders now ask an extra threepence. Fencing wires, although not meeting with much sale to the country, were in firmer tone, essentially for near forward. Cable advices from American and German centres indicated firm markets for the time being, but there is still some speculation as to whether the firm condition will last. Some of the factories, in Germany more particularly, have more time than orders at their disposal just at the present moment. American tool handles were quoted a shade dearer on the other side. Oils were steady. The good rains in the wheat districts seemed to be giving rise to a little more interest in the market, although the actual business going forward is small as yet. Calcutta market was steady. On spot woolpacks sold at a slightly lower level. Small business in wheat was reported at slightly lower levels, although the larger holders stood to the late quotations. The weather had a somewhat depressing effect on forage lines in Sussex-street. Chaff and maize were very quiet. So were mill offals. Now that rain has relieved the necessities of the South Coast, the combine which has been working there on high prices lately may possibly think that there is a margin for reduction. White oats hardened; potatoes firm. Bacon and new-laid eggs were cheaper.

CANNED MEATS FOR INDIA.

The Collector of Customs sends an extract from the "Army Despatch," from the Government of India, relative to conditions of tender for canned meats for India, as follows:—

With reference to the objections raised to certain conditions of tender for canned meats for India, we would remark as follows:—

Condition II. (d).—The object of placing sawdust or wood shavings is simply to keep the tins in position. In transit, the tins can be packed in tight-fitting boxes, without risk of deterioration by shaking, there is no objection to the omission of the sawdust, and an amendment to this effect has been made in the conditions with reference to the current year's supply.

Condition IV.—We consider that the retention of the guarantee under which the meat should continue sound and good in any climate for at least two years from the date of receipt by the Supply and Transport Corps is imperative. The fact that on arrival in India a considerable portion of the meat received under a present contract has been reported bad, necessitating the rejection of the consignment, shows that special care must be taken in the interests of the State as regards supplies procured by Government for the use of the troops."

OPPOSITION STEEL COMBINE.

Referring to the rumoured organisation of the independent steel manufacturers into a second trust, to fight the original one, the "Ironmonger" of April 10 says:—"It is impossible to sift fact from fiction at this distance from the scene of operations, but the Bethlehem, Lackawanna, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Cambria, and Jones and Laughlin Steel Companies are named as probable constituents of the new consolidation, and Mr. Andrew Carnegie is spoken of as being "willing to back the consolidation with his money and to advice, the latter undoubtedly promising to be of more value than the money." It is stated that Mr. J. P. Morgan, who put through the financing of the United States Steel Corporation, was approached to take the rival enterprise in hand, but refused, and that later Mr. J. W. Gates took it up. Should the tongue of rumour speak truly, and the consolidation come into being on the lines indicated, Mr. Andrew Carnegie would hold all the trumps, for already he is the mortgagee of the Steel Trust, and in the event of any default in payment of the bond interest he would become the man in possession of that concern and at the same time would hold the guiding spirit in the new enterprise. If Mr. Carnegie means business, the position of the Steel Trust is anything but an enviable one."

BREADSTUFFS.

A city milling firm reported a purchase of 3000 bags of wheat in the country at the Sydney equivalent of 5/3d. There were other small lots to be had at 5/4. But, generally speaking, the market level was not changed. No quantity of wheat could have been obtained under 5/4½.

Flour was unchanged.

At Darling Harbour yesterday 256 tons of wheat and 168 tons of flour were manifested to arrive.

GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

TEA.

The market was quiet. Teas by the mail were meeting with moderate inquiry, the good Indians were wanted, but common descriptions excited no interest.

EASTERN GOODS.

Rice: Best Japan, £22 to £22/5/ per ton; Rangoon, £9/10/ in bond; locally dressed, £18 to £20 per ton.

Sago: £21/7/ per ton, ex store.

Tapioca: Medium pearl, £14/5/ to £14/10/.

Pearl barley: 13/6 sacks, 56's, 14/-.

Split peas: 16/ per cwt, in sacks; 5/ extra in 56's.

Arrowroot: /5 per lb.

Seeds: Canary, 12/6 per cwt in parcels, 14/6 in small sacks; hemp, 17/ per cwt, in parcels; rape, 23/6 to 24/ per cwt; linseed, 16/6 to 17/6 per cwt in small lots, too late £16.

Spices: Cloves, 7½ per lb; nutmegs, /9 in case lots, /10 retail after cutting; mace, 2/ per lb; pimento, /6 per lb; caraway seeds, /8 per lb. Pure white pepper, /9½ per lb; black, /8½ per lb.

Oatmeal: 7lb bags, £18/10/ per ton; flaked, 7lb bags, £19/10/; 2lb packets, 5/ per doz. Rolled oats, 5lb bags, £20 per ton; in 2lb bags, £24/10/ per ton.

Whole bleached ginger, /7 to /7½ per lb.

CHEMICALS.

Rosin: G grade, £10 per ton; N grade parcels, £14/10/; small lots, £13/15/ per ton.

Cream of tartar: in parcels, /8½ small lots.

Citric acid: 1/4½ to 1/8 in parcels.

Tartaric crystals: /11 to /11½, according to quantity; powdered, /11.

Mustard: Macclesfield, parcels £24, distributing up to £26/10/.

Borax: Powder, £19/10/; crystals, £18/10/, in parcels.

Strychnine: 2/6½ to 2/4.

Flowers of sulphur: Parcels, £7/15/.

Carbide: Best Scandinavian, £14 to £14/5/ on spot and arrival.

Sodas: Bicarbonate (Brunner Mond), £7/17/6, small lots £8/2/6; caustic, Musgrave's, in parcels, £13/1 small lots; Greenbank's, in parcels, £12/15/, small lots £14/12/6 to £14/15/; silicate soda, liquid, in for parcels, and up to £6/13/; for small lots, lump £8 to £8/5/; parcels, £8/10/; for small lots; soda ash, £6/5/ ton, distributing lots 5/ extra.

Red rocksalt: 24/6, in parcels.

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Ore pockets: 2/5 for 16oz and 3/3½ for 20oz spot; cheaper forward.

OILS.

Kerosene (per gallon): Snowflake, ex store, /10½; Silverlight, /9½; engine kerosene, /7½ to /8½.

Motor-car spirits: 1/5½ 4-gallon tins, 1/7½ 2-gallon tins.

Linseed oil (per gallon): First brands, raw, 3/2 to 3/3½; double-boiled, 3/5 to 3/6½; second brands, raw, 3/1½ to 3/2½; boiled, 3/3½ to 3/4½; local, 2/10; raw, in casks, 3/ drums.

Turpentine (per gallon): Pratt's, 3/10 parcels, 3/11 small lots; Priestley's, 3/10 to 3/11.

Castor: 2/9, parcels; drums, 3/1.

China: Pure, 4/7 per gallon; denaturated (under Customs supervision), 3/; (in 4's) and 3/3 (in 1's); lamp oil from 2/.

Cottonseed: 4/11 to 5/2, according to description; denaturated, 3/ to 3/4.

Rapeseed: 3/9 to 4/. Colza: Recognised brands, 4/ to 4/9, in gallon tins.

Herring: Nil. Cod: Nil, to arrive in July.

Japanese lamp: Scarce, 1/8 per gallon.

Whale: No. 1 pale, 1/10; a. pl. refined, 2/; Polar, 2/2.

Cod: Norwegian, 2/3; Newfoundland, 1/2.

Wood: Pure imported, 2/3 casks, 2/6 drums. Rosin oil, £18.

Whiteseal: First brands, in casts, £20/10/ per ton; in quarters, £21/5/ per ton, less for large orders; second brands, in casts, from £20 to £20/10/, according to brand; in quarters, 15/ to £1 extra.

Blockholm tar: Local, 9/3, in drums, load lots; 40-gallon casks, 40/; imported, 6/ to 6/3.

Woolmarking oil: Black, 2/ to 4/, according to brand colours, 2/6 to 4/, according to brands.

Eyebrown-sheep oil: Australian, 2/3, for distributing lots.

METALS.

Fencing wires:—

Black German, No. 8, £8/3/6; No. 10, £8/10/. American, No. 8, £8/5/ to £8/7/6; No. 10, £8/12/6.

Galvanised: German, No. 8, £9/2/6; No. 10, £9/10/. American, No. 8, £9/5/; No. 10, £9/15/.

Barbed: Australian, £14 and £15/10/; ditto, special, £16/5/ and £17/15/; German, £14 and £15/10/; American (coil), £14/15/; No. 14, £15/15/ to £16.

Spikes: Cloves, 7½ per lb; nutmegs, /9 in case lots, /10 retail after cutting; mace, 2/ per lb; pimento, /6 per lb; caraway seeds, /8 per lb. Pure white pepper, /9½ per lb; black, /8½ per lb.

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Spikes: Cut, 2/6 to 2/9; wire, 2/6 to 2/9; 10/ less for large orders.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

OUR STATE SYSTEM.

MUNICIPALISM AT WORK.

A BROADER OUTLOOK.

Not even the most enthusiastic municipalist would have expected so startling a proposal to increase the powers of municipal bodies as that propounded by Sir Joseph Carruthers at the Liberal Conference on Tuesday night. In connection with the encouragement of settlement in districts possessing suitable land, he

Favoured equipping the local government bodies with powers for the purpose of giving greater facilities for closer settlement in the neighbourhood of the towns, having regard to the fact that many of the country towns were hemmed in by large holdings of good agricultural lands. If a scheme could be worked whereby the shires could act in conjunction with the closer settlement body of the Government, it would do a great deal to meet the bona-fide demand for land.

SIR JOSEPH CARRUTHERS'S CONFIDENCE.

It is refreshing to find that the statesman who passed the local government legislation in New South Wales (which had long been the plaything of parties) has not seen reason to revoke his opinion of the usefulness of the civic bodies. If Sir Joseph Carruthers had no other claim to remembrance in this country than the passage of the Local Government Act he need not fear that his name will be forgotten, for the historian, in summing up our political and socialogical history, must recognise the change in our national habits which substituted sensible, organised, local helpfulness for a haphazard, go-as-you please system of helpless dependence upon centralised departments at a distance. Three years' working of the system has not changed Sir Joseph's opinion as to the value of local government, but has confirmed it. He is therefore willing to allow the municipal and shire authorities to impinge upon the functions of the central Government in regard to closer settlement. The common-sense of this cannot be questioned. No centralised departments, however well officered and equipped, can be in a better position than the local authority to advise upon the necessary expansion of the district.

HEMMED-IN TOWNS.

There are many good examples of the kind referred to by the ex-Premier. Such towns as Bathurst and Narrabri may be taken as typical cases. In both there are splendid stretches of agricultural lands which are eminently suitable for small settlements, dairying, mixed farming, etc. The whole spirit of modern land legislation and administration appears to be to do away with that isolation which was the curse of early occupation of the land, and to encourage the close association of the men on the land in some sort of urban co-operation, whereby they can become possessed of those social amenities which town life affords. The creation of village communities in new districts, or the opening of lands round our present urban areas, will be of incalculable benefit to the people of the whole State, for then the influences of civilisation will be spread more widely. It stands to reason, too, that the prospective settler would prefer to take up land near a town which affords him some of the distinctions and his children some of the benefits which co-operative services of urban life provide. Bathurst should be one of the most populous as well as one of the most beautiful of the inland cities of the State, and the possibilities of Narrabri are patent.

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A VEXED POINT.

A point which is likely to cause some interest among shire and municipal council clerks may be noted. It will be remembered that the Act as first passed required the council to make a valuation "in the first year after its constitution, and in every third year thereafter." These are the words of section 135 of the Local Government Act of 1906. The first year of the constitution of a shire was 1907, so, if the Act had not been altered, the shire triennial period would be in 1907-8-9, and the next triennial period would be in 1910-11-12. The valuation having to be made in the first year after the constitution of the councils, it had to be made in 1907. Then if the Act had not been altered the valuation must be made "every third year thereafter"; that is, in 1910, 1913, 1916, etc.

THE MUNICIPAL PERIOD.

The first year after the constitution of the municipalities was actually 1907 also; but the rating sections of the Act did not come into force until January 1, 1908; so the first year after the constitution of the municipalities had to be read in the light of that fact. So that the year in which the municipal valuation had to be made was 1908, and that valuation, if the Act had not been altered, would have had to last for the triennial period 1908-9-10. The next valuation would have had to be made in 1911, and would have run for the years 1911-12-13, and so on. It will be seen, therefore, that the postponement of the operation of the rating clauses in municipalities led to the shire and municipal valuing years getting out of step. Where a mine, for instance, was partly situated in a shire and partly in a municipality, it became very awkward for the "joint valuation" required by the law to be carried out, because the councils' appointments of valuers were made without taking into consideration the necessity of having these joint valuations made, and so there was some question raised as to whether, seeing that the shire valuation had to be made in one year and the municipal valuation in another year, it was possible to make joint valuations which would be valid.

THE AMENDING ACT.

The Amending Act of 1908, however, straightened out these descrepancies. That Act, while still obviously contemplating that it shall not be compulsory to make a valuation more frequently than once in three years, leaves it open to the council, where special circumstances make it advisable to make a valuation at any time of the whole or any part of the properties in the municipalities or shire areas. It is useful to compare the old procedure with the new. Section 135 (1) of the Principal Act says:—"The council shall in the first year after its constitution and in every third year thereafter, cause a valuation . . . to be made." That section as amended in 1908, says:—"The council shall, at least once in every three years, cause a valuation to be made," etc. Now, section 135 (4a) of the Act as amended, provides that all the valuations made in a municipality during the year 1908 shall be and be deemed to have been as valid as if they were made within the first year after the constitution of the council of the municipality. It also says that "every valuation of land made after the first day of January, 1907, in a shire, or 1908 in a municipality, shall remain in force until a fresh valuation of such land comes into force." It will thus be seen that the Amending Act swept away the triennial periods mapped out by the original Act, and substituted another set of triennial periods. In sections 135 (1) the expression, "at least once in every three years," means at least once in every three years after the commencement of this, the Amending Act. Therefore, on the Amending Act alone, the councils might leave their next valuation to be made in either 1909, 1910, or 1911.

KEEPING STEP.

When the Amending Act was passed the alterations which it made in the principal Act necessitated consequential amendments of the ordinance on the subject of "valuations," ordinance 5. These amendments were gazetted on December 30, 1908. Among the amendments is one pertinent to the subject under discussion. Clause 19 (a) of the ordinance now reads:—"The valuers for the time being shall, on or before the first day of November of the year 1910, and of every third year thereafter, make and enter and sign their valuation in the valuation book." This ordinance, therefore, fixes the years of the future triennial valuations as 1910, 1913, 1916; that is to say, it brings the shire valuing years into step with the municipal valuing years. During 1909 the valuations standing on the books at the end of 1908 under the old Act are by virtue of the Amending Act kept in force. During 1910 the same rule applies, and the rates for the year 1910 may be left on the valuations, which were in force at the time the Amending Act was passed. But during 1910 the valuers must be set to work, and they must complete their valuations on or before November 1, 1910. The councils have then the whole of November and December to consider the valuations thus made, and to decide whether they will adopt or reject them; or refer back portions of them to the valuers for reconsideration, as is sometimes found necessary.

A HANDIER MODE.

If the councils consider that two months is not sufficient time to allow of this being done properly, there is nothing to prevent their making it a condition, when they appoint the valuers, that the work shall be done by June 30 or any other date they may fix, so long as it is not after November 1. The valuations made in 1910 will, by virtue of section 135 (3) come into force on January 1, 1911. The operation of this ordinance, therefore, will do away with one of the worst troubles experienced in the past, viz., the long delay in getting in revenue because of having to wait for the valuations to be made in the same year as the rate was levied in. In the new conditions the work of making the valuation is done during the preceding year, and the councils need not wait longer than the date of their first meeting in January to consider the estimates, so that they easily levy their rates early in February each year, if not (as will often be possible) in January.

READJUSTING VALUATIONS.

There is one other aspect, however, which needs to be discussed. The valuations now in force were the first made under the new system, and many councils have found them faulty. Many of the town lands are found to be undervalued; many of the agricultural lands, market gardens, etc., are found to be overvalued. Appealing is one way of getting this altered; but to the ordinary citizen who has a horror of courts, as most people have, this is very distasteful for various reasons. Many a man who knows that his land is not worth the valuation placed upon it feels himself unable to state his case, from lack of knowledge of the forms of a Court, and will therefore not venture an appeal. Many councils have considered and discussed this problem, and some are wisely desirous of having a fresh valuation made as soon as possible, with a view to remedying injustice themselves, rather than compelling those aggrieved to suffer or appeal.

PERIODS OF VALUATION.

While desirous, therefore, of having a fresh valuation made during 1909, some of the councils are deterred from doing so because of a doubt as to whether they may do so, having in view the provisions of ordinance 5 as above quoted. There is no difficulty in this, however. Section 135 of the Act says that "A council may, whenever it thinks necessary, cause valuations to be made of any or all rateable land in its area." Any council may, therefore, have a valuation made in 1909 which will come into force on January 1, 1910, if they so desire. Admitting this, some councils are deterred by the thought that they will still have to cause another valuation to be made in 1910, to come into force on January 1, 1911, and thus they will be put to the expense of making complete fresh valuations for two years running. In one respect they are right; in another, they are mistaken. A fresh valuation will be necessary in 1910; but it does not necessarily follow that that will mean duplication of expenses. Section 135 provides that a council may, without causing a fresh valuation to be made, adopt as the valuations for any period the whole or any part of the valuations in force at the close of the next preceding period, when such valuations are considered by the council to be still "just and equitable." Therefore the council may have a valuation made in 1909 which will come into force on January 1, 1910. Then, to comply with ordinance 5, the council may in 1910, before the first November, cause the valuation required by the ordinance to be made by "adopting" as the 1910 valuation—to come into force on January 1, 1910—the valuation which is in force at the close of the preceding period, that is, the valuation made in 1909.

BOOT TRADE OF AUSTRALIA.

DEMANDS OF EMPLOYEES' FEDERATION.

HIGHER WAGES AND SHORTER HOURS.

The Australian Boot Trade Employees' Federation has determined to appeal to the Federal Arbitration Court for the adoption in every State of Australia of a statement of wages and conditions of labour which the federated council prepared in Brisbane last March, and which the different branches of the federation have since adopted. This statement was finally passed at a large and representative meeting of every branch of the trade held on Tuesday night in the Wesley Hall, Regent-street. Mr. G. S. Beeby, of Beeby and Moffatt, solicitors, was appointed to prosecute the claims of the federation before the Federal Arbitration Court.

The difficulty in the trade at the present time is the variety of conditions and the different rates of pay in the various States. Both manufacturers and workmen in Sydney will welcome a uniform set of conditions and an equality of rates of pay, because here the pay and conditions of labour are to-day better than in any of the other States, and hence it makes it hard for the manufacturer here to compete with those in other States, where wages and conditions are lower than in either Sydney, Melbourne, or Adelaide. But the demands of the men are another matter. They mean not only shorter hours and better pay, but a large decrease in boy labour.

With a view of showing the inequality which exists in the States in the matter of pay and conditions of labour it may be mentioned that in New South Wales the minimum rate of pay is £2 8s. It is the same in Victoria, but in South Australia it is only £2 5s, and in Queensland it is as low as £2. The proposal of the federation is to ask the Court to make the minimum wage is 4½d per hour, or equal to £3 0s 6d per week in all the States, and the hours of labour 44 per week. Preference in all cases to be given to unionists. There is also a clause in the statement doing away with all overtime work. This clause is inserted with a view to finding employment for men now out of work, particularly in Victoria. In regard to piece-work the proposal is to adopt the piecework conditions in existence in Victoria, which are higher than those in force in South Wales, and are, in the opinion of the men, more up to date. The principal conditions set out in the statement of claim are in respect to juvenile labour, which it is claimed is most detrimental as it exists in New South Wales. boys are employed at the rate of one to every three journeymen in the clickers' department, and seven to every twelve in each of the other departments. In Queensland it is one boy one man throughout the trade, and every employer is allowed to fix his own price for rates of pay. In Victoria there is allowed one improver to every three men, together with an unlimited number of apprentices, and in Victoria the federation claims that a very strong attempt is being made to introduce female labour into departments now worked by men, and therefore a clause has been inserted in the statement of claim that no females shall be employed in the clicking, making, finishing, or stuff-cutting departments. In South Australia an unlimited number of apprentices can be employed, and one improver to every three journeymen.

But in the statement of claim to be submitted to the Court conditions are laid down for one apprentice to every four journeymen, and the term improver is to be wiped out of existence. All boys engaged in the boot, shoe, or slipper factory are to be legally indentured; if under the age of 16 for a period of five years; if over 16 and under 17 years of age for a period of four years. They are to be paid 7s 6d per week for the first six months, and to rise on a graduated scale until at the end of four years they are to receive £2 per week. They are to be properly taught every section of the trade.

The men claim that the doing away of such a class of workmen as improvers will be better for everybody connected with the trade. They will then have competent tradesmen who can justify claim the minimum wage, and it will also do away with a lot of inferior workmanship and cheap labour. All States are to be placed on an equal footing.

BANDWICK BUILDINGS.

At a meeting of the Kensington District Progress Association, held last evening, considerable time was devoted to a discussion concerning the class of dwelling being erected in a portion of the municipality, and the following resolution was carried:—"That this association views with alarm and regret the class of buildings that are being erected in the borough of Bandwick since the present Local Government Act came into operation, notwithstanding the powers of supervision of plans, etc, with which the council is clothed under the ordinance."

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ALLIANCE CONVENTION.

THE FIGHT FOR STATE OPTION.

WORK OF ORGANISATION.

"Ours is a work of Christian patriotism. We are in a different position from the trade. We gain nothing out of the contest, and work solely for the good of the country. We will not lay down our arms till victory is achieved. Now, the majority of the people believe that our cause is just. We have no personal feeling against publicans and brewers. The kindest thing we can do to them is to take them out of a traffic dangerous to their bodies and souls."

In this way Canon Boyce, the president at yesterday's opening of the New South Wales Temperance Convention, summed up the position of the temperance party in New South Wales. He welcomed the delegates attending the annual conference of the New South Wales Alliance.

The Rev. Dr. Clouston moved the adoption of the report, which showed that the exhibition and fair had resulted in a return of £832, and goods to the value of £192. This wiped off the overdraft, and established the nucleus of a fighting fund for the coming elections. The new constitution provided for district associations and the formation of the northern district, with headquarters at Newcastle, was already successfully accomplished. The Headquarters Hotel was an object-lesson of a hotel without liquor. The council was more than ever convinced of the unfairness of the three-fifths majority requirement. The Premier had promised to consider the question of State option, when any amendment of the liquor law was intended. The *drink bill* for 1908 was not available, but that for 1907 was £5,200,744, an increase of 5s 6d a head, due to the prevailing prosperity. The Reduction Courts had decided the fate of 238 licenses. The benefits of reduction would, however, not be felt until the three years' notice had expired. The council urged patriots to prepare for the elections, when an endeavour would be made to sweep the scourge of drink from the land.

Mr. W. J. Walker (*Sons and Daughters of Temperance*) seconded the motion.

The Rev. W. Woods-Rutledge referred to the necessity for amending the law. At present the vote of the philanthropist was not of the same value as the vote of a sot. (Hear, hear.) The principle of a bare majority should be adopted.

Mr. W. Winn said there would be a bigger fight at the next elections, and more workers were necessary. Now, the commercial men of the city realised the wisdom of temperance, and contributed largely to the funds of the fair.

The report was unanimously adopted.

FINANCE.

Alderman J. P. Treadgold submitted the financial statement. The year closed with a debit balance of £521. The report was adopted.

Mr. W. Winn then handed the president a cheque for £835 as a result of the exhibition and fair. He stated that all the evangelical churches and temperance bodies worked loyally together to advance the cause and help the exhibition.

Canon Boyce, in thanking Mr. Winn for the cheque, said that it would wipe out the overdraft from the last campaign, and give them something to start the new year with. (Applause).

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—

President.—Rev. Canon F. B. Boyce.

Vice-presidents.—Rev. W. W. Rutledge, Rev. F. Price, Rev. Dr. Clouston, Mr. W. Winn, Mr. A. Gow.

Council.—Rev. P. J. Stephen, Rev. C. T. Newman, Rev. W. G. Taylor, Rev. H. F. L. Palmer, Rev. W. H. Howard, Rev. J. Steele Messrs. A. B. Purcell, J. W. Eve, Tom Lumley, W. C. Clegg, W. L. Dash, A. Allen, J. Sims, D. Dash, C. W. C. Marr, T. W. Thorne, Mrs. Masterman, Mrs. Nolan; hon. treasurer, Mr. J. P. Treadgold; general secretary, Mr. A. Brunker.

Mr. H. F. L. Palmer moved.—"That the time has arrived to approach the Government, and ask that the Liquor Act be amended, so as to apply the *democratic* principle of majority rule in the local option vote, and that the State Council be requested to take an early opportunity of doing this."

A long discussion ensued, and eventually an amended motion was carried, advising the State council to consider what steps should be taken to secure amendments, fixing a limit according to population for local veto, to operate at the number of licenses, all in excess of such limit to be discontinued; adding State option to the present system of electorate option, and by majority vote; removing the 30 per cent. limitation in electorates where no-license has been carried; removing the three-fifths majority clause, and substituting therefore majority rule; and insisting upon the Sunday trading clause being made more effective.

ORGANISATION AND FINANCE.

In the evening a combined conference of workers was held in the Protestant Hall, Castlereagh-street, at which attended representatives from all the churches and temperance associations.

Canon Boyce, president of the alliance, occupied the chair, and briefly referred to the work of the past year. In spite of the number of hotels closed, they would not taste the fruits of victory for three years. When these hotels were closed they would feel the benefit all over the State. The splendid victories all over America were highly encouraging. Tennessee, Mississippi, and North Carolina, with a total population of over six millions had decided upon prohibition. (Applause.) The only fly in the ointment was the action of the House of Lords in kicking out the measure passed by a large majority by the Commons.

Mr. W. J. Walker, secretary of the Sons and Daughters of Temperance, opened the conference with an address on "Our Next Campaign." He dealt particularly with the financial aspect and the need for organisation. Branches of the alliance and no-license leagues should be established in every electorate. Every effort to "trade in booze" by literature in the party to "trade in booze" by literature in the party to "trade in booze" by literature in the party

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COUNTRY NEWS.

SOUTH COAST.

CHURCH DESTROYED BY FIRE.

INVERELL, Wednesday.

The Presbyterian Church at Newstead was destroyed by fire on Saturday. The building, which was brick with shingle roof, was the oldest church in the Inverell district, having been erected over 50 years ago by the late Miss Anderson. The fire was quite accidental. The tower and walls were overgrown with ivy. The tower was being cleared away with a view to renovating the building, when a whirlwind carried some brambles on to the roof, setting it alight. No water was handy, and the fire soon gutted the building. The pews and other movables were saved. There is no insurance.

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MUNICIPAL.

ARMIDALE, Wednesday.

A Municipal Appeal Court was held yesterday and concluded to-day. Some 31 appeals were heard before Mr. Garstang. In the cases heard allowances were made. The majority of cases reductions were made.

TAMWORTH, Wednesday.

At the municipal council last night, it was decided to request the committee of the Local Government Association to state whether three aldermen out of four elected by the council to represent the works committee have the right to call a meeting of the committee in the absence from town of the Mayor, who is chairman of all committees. At the previous council meeting the Mayor ruled that a meeting held by the committee and its subsequent report furnished were illegal. A deputation was appointed to wait on the Minister for Works to urge the erection of a bridge over the Peel River, at the foot of Every-street. The bridge is mainly required for stock.

THE CHURCHES.

CUNDLETOWN, Wednesday.

The annual ball in aid of St. Joseph's Convent was held at the School of Arts on Friday and Saturday nights, and proved very successful. The gross proceeds amounted to £34.

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Constable F. Brown, who has been transferred to Kew, was entertained on Friday evening last, and presented with a gold watch as a token of esteem.

GLEN INNES, Wednesday.

Mr. Spence, M.P., spoke in the Town Hall last night on behalf of the Labour party. There was a moderate attendance. He said there was a contest between two parties only must confront each other—Labour and representatives of the capitalistic class. There was no room now for a third party.

Mr. R. E. Jones, local Government engineer of the Works Department, held an inquiry as to the application made by the municipal council for permission to borrow £1000 to erect municipal saleyards. Evidence in favour of the proposal was given by the Mayor and leading auctioneers. Mr. Jones promised to submit his report as soon as practicable.

SINGLETON, Wednesday.

Mr. T. J. Waters, secretary of the Newcastle Butchers' Employees' Association, at a meeting in Singleton, advised the men to adhere to the terms of the award of the Industrial Board, and a number of the employees became members of the union. The master butchers have signed a petition asking for an exemption of the operations of the award so far as Singleton is concerned, and it is possible that a petition for signature by householders will shortly be presented for the purpose of strengthening their case.

TAREE, Wednesday.

The annual aboriginal mission meeting in connection with Purfleet station was held in the Taree School of Arts last night. The building was crowded. Mr. S. T. Lean, president, occupied the chair. The report and balance-sheet were adopted.

MISLEADING GIRLS.

FRENCHMAN IN TROUBLE.

PERTH (W.A.), Wednesday.

Albert Lauran, a Frenchman, 23 years of age, was charged at the City Court to-day with being a person of evil fame. A young woman stated that she met accused at the Bridge, Sydney, and that he induced herself and a companion to come to Perth, where he stated they could get situations at his father's hotel at £3 or £4 a week. He gave them £1 each towards their passage money. They arrived on the steamer Coolgardie, and on reaching Perth accused took them to a house which he said he had furnished for them, and in which they could be their own mistresses. They then suspected his design, and refused to enter the house. Accused said he would shoot them if they did anything to get him into trouble.

Mr. Roe, P.M., said that the Bench was satisfied that accused had brought the girls from Sydney for bad purposes, and would have to find two sureties to be bound in £50 each to be of good behaviour for six months or go to gaol for that period. He would also have to pay costs, £16 11s, including £13 10s to defray the girls' expenses, or in default serve two months' additional imprisonment.

THE M'MYLER HOIST.

SATISFACTION AT ADELAIDE.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

The Railway Commissioner (Mr. Pendleton) said yesterday:—"At the request of the Chief Commissioner of New South Wales Railways, a special inspection was made of the coal which had been loaded into steamers at Newcastle by means of the M'Myler hoist, and subsequently delivered at Port Adelaide, and we had no reason to complain of its size or quality."

PREVENTION OF GOLD-STEALING.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

Mr. Appel, after making inquiries, is convinced of the necessity for a measure dealing with gold stealing. A draft is being prepared for submission to the Cabinet for consideration. It is probable that the bill will take the form of registering all buyers of gold.

ATHLONE-PLACE RESUMPTION.

In a minute the Lord Mayor states that this work is nearing completion. All claimants, with one exception, which is provided for in the original resumption, have been paid. The additional resumption acquired in March last was very desirable acquisition to the general scheme. The provision for, together with the necessary roads, footways, drainage, etc. The complete scheme involved a net estimated expenditure of £130,000, which includes all charges, viz. interest, legal, law, transfers, etc., also salaries, wages, city, and other rates. The amount originally fixed on the basis of £3930 per annum, reducing the cost of such resumption to the city to £3320 per annum, or slightly in excess of one-third of a penny rate, identical with his original minute of July 30, 1905. He thought the council might be congratulated on the excellent results achieved, apart from the fact that a deplorable slum area had been removed from the city, and this locality transformed. The value of residue was £75,000, taken at the very worst time, and which was still labelled "slum." Under remodelled conditions the increased values will be enormous—sufficient to pay the whole cost of this necessary work within 20 years. To cost, or resumption, including all charges, £116,000; additional area acquired, March, 1909, £16,500; estimated cost roadways, etc., by city surveyor, £12,500. Total, £139,000. Credit value old buildings sold and rent received, £12,000; capital value of residue, £75,000; actual cost of remodelling, £52,000.

With regard to the financial aspect of the scheme, the Lord Mayor gave the following figures:—Dr. interest on sinking fund, say, £150,000, redeem 50 years, £6250 per annum; ex. ground rents, first and second sale, £1805; town yards, £283; estimated to receive from last resumption, £500; estimated to receive from blocks not leased, £742; rentals received from properties now tenanted and in good average order, £600. Total, £2930. Estimated yearly debit against city fund, £3320.

The Lord Mayor added:—"In reference to the March resumption, estimated to yield £500 per annum, this is all George-street frontage, and is not over-estimated. The blocks not leased, estimated to yield £742 per annum, will be fully covered. We have already received an offer to take half of these unleased blocks at slightly under the reserves, which the valuers advise us not to accept. I feel certain it will be only a short time before all will be leased. Therefore, when estimating, I am justified in making my forecast accordingly."

When Alfred the Great
(Don't suppose we are speakin'),
Let's hasten to state,
Of our friend Alfred Deakin!)
Got wrong with the cakes
He was left to take care of;
He made more mistakes
Than he then was awdre of!
But then he had numerous pains to endure
And suffered for want of Woods' Peppermint
Cure.—Advt.

NEWCASTLE.

COAL AND OTHER EXPORTS.

NEWCASTLE, Wednesday.

The following vessels cleared at the Custom House to-day:—Urilla, s, for Adelaide, via Sydney, with 260 tons bunkers; F. S. Ciampa, ship, for Antofagasta, with 237 tons coal, 11 tons ship's use; Henrik Ibsen, for Hongkong, with 1411 tons bunkers; Whangape, s, for Auckland, with 3900 tons coal, 300 tons bunkers, quantity timber, 20 tons coke, and through cargo from Sydney; Moresby, s, for Papua and Solomon Islands, via Sydney, with 170 tons coal and 800 tons bunkers; Largiemore, ship, for Tal Tal, with 3100 tons coal; Manuka, s, for Wellington, via Sydney, with 1700 tons bunkers, quantity timber, and coke; Madagascar, barque, for Valparaiso, with 3377 tons coal, 9 tons ship's use.

QUARANTINED BARQUE.

The Russian barque Favel, which was quarantined on her arrival yesterday, owing to two of the sailors suffering from malarial fever, was fumigated to-day and released from quarantine. The two sailors are now recovering.

CRUSHED BETWEEN TRUCKS.

A man named George Williams, 21, who is employed as a screen man at Burwood colliery, was seriously injured to-day through being caught between the buffers of a truck and a post. He was walking along the line near some trucks that were being shunted, when he was caught by the buffer of an eight-ton truck and the post of a coal box. He was very badly crushed, and his recovery is hoped for. Williams had been warned by another man that he was in danger just previous to the accident. He now lies in the Newcastle Hospital. He is a single man, and lived with his parents at Lambton.

A SAILOR'S FALL.

John Cranbin, a sailor, employed on the barque Endora, to-day fell from the 'tween decks of the vessel into the lower hold. His arm was broken, and he also sustained other serious injuries. He was admitted to the Newcastle Hospital for treatment.

HARVESTER COMMISSION.

EXPERT'S OPINION OF COST.

LAST WITNESS EXAMINED.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The Royal Commission on Strippers, Harvesters and Drills resumed its sittings yesterday. Hugh Victor M'Kay, of the Sunshine Harvester Works, gave further evidence.

The chairman stated that they had received a report from Mr. Thomas Smith, of the Newport works, estimating the cost of building the two machines sent to him. Instructions were given that he was to base his report of the work on the assumption that wages were paid such as Mr. Justice Higgins had awarded. The object of having two machines reported on was to give the one machine a fair show. The colonial manufacturers thought there was better work and more work in their own than in the imported machines. In his report he assumed that the output would be fairly large. Mr. Smith estimated the cost of labour and material on the Sunshine harvester at £45, and of the Deering harvester at £35. These figures were based on the wages of Mr. Justice Higgins' award. The report was referred back, and an estimate was asked for based on the wages paid in the Sunshine works, as stated by Mr. M'Kay. On that basis the result was:—Sunshine harvester, £42 15s 11d; Deering harvester, £33 9s 7d.

Witness: The danger is that that report will go out to the public as if the imported harvester cost that price. Mr. Justice Higgins' award does not apply in America. If, as I understand, Mr. Smith makes out that there is £2 difference between the two rates of wages, I think it is an over-estimate. It appears to me that Mr. Smith has completely left out of account the important charges we have to pay, such as interest on cost of plant and general buildings and furniture. That would bring the £45 up to £56 5s. Those items amount to about 25 per cent., apart from the office burden.

The chairman: Mr. Robinson said that the factory burden was about 10 per cent.

Witness: Ten little; 25 per cent is a fair average for interest, shop burden, and good supervision. We do a great many things that many people do not. We test every machine, for instance. I say that Mr. Smith has evidently made an honest attempt to give you an estimate, and that the estimate is based on the lowest possible cost as stated. He ordered warrants to issue in the case of five wheelers, who had not appeared before the court.

FATALITY AT A MINE.

BROKEN HILL, Wednesday.

Ralph Baynes, aged 30, married, an employee on De Bavay zinc plant on North mine, was killed last night. He fell off a staying in an acid tank, and broke his neck.

YESTERDAY'S FIRES.

A fire broke out yesterday afternoon in a grocer's shop in Reservoir-street, Surry Hills, occupied by William Ah Mee. It was supposed to have been caused by a light being thrown down, and was extinguished by the inmates and the M. F. B. with buckets of water after the contents of the shop had been damaged by fire, smoke, and water. The contents of two rooms on the first floor were also damaged by smoke. Considerable excitement prevailed amongst the Chinamen present while the fire was being extinguished, and their eagerness to assist caused some amusement. The contents of the premises were insured for £280 in the Alliance Office.

Last evening Mr. Eggleton, while passing Messrs. T. Hodkinson's iron foundry in King-street, Erskineville, noticed flames in the vicinity of the office. He gave the alarm, and attempted to quench the flames. The brigade arrived shortly afterwards, and the fire was extinguished with buckets of water. Some lining boards and a quantity of oil in the office on the ground floor were burned.

CASINO FIRES.

NEED FOR NEW FIRE STATION.

CASINO, Wednesday.

Another fire scare took place on Monday. The brigade bell rang, and it was found that the asbestos plant in the Imperial Hotel had exploded. No damage was done. Lately the fire brigade has been called out several times to find that it was only rubbish burning in a back yard. A public meeting of citizens carried a resolution that a subscription list be opened, stating the amount business people were prepared to give weekly or quarterly towards the fire brigade. A further resolution was carried urging on the Government the necessity of including in the new Fire Bill a provision that any rates struck for fire purposes should be paid by property-owners. The matter of providing accommodation for the engine of the Casino Brigade was also discussed, also the want of a new fire station. A resolution was carried,—"That the Mayor, as chairman of this meeting, communicate immediately with Mr. Lee, Minister for Works, asking him to urge that provision be made on every dredge for a grant of not less than £1000 for the erection and equipment of a new fire station at Casino upon the site already given by the Municipal Council." The occurrence of fires has caused unrest here. £40 was collected at the meeting towards the fund.

STATE OF RIVER ENTRANCES.

BETTER DREDGE SERVICES REQUIRED.

CORAKI, Wednesday.

The serious state of the entrance at Ballina is causing grave anxiety and concern throughout the district, and the narrow escape from total destruction of the steamers Brundah and Tintenbar, the finest vessels in the North Coast Company's service, makes the position generally a serious one. The whole of the North Coast rivers are suffering from want of a good dredge service, most of the present dredges being obsolete. United action is now being taken by all public bodies to bring pressure on the Government with the view to employing new and more up-to-date dredges, so that permanent improvement may be carried out, without delay. Immediate assistance is urgently looked for, otherwise the growing trade of the district will be seriously crippled.

WHEELERS FINED.

KURRI KURRI, Wednesday.

Twenty-six of the wheelers who recently struck at the Pelaw Main Colliery were fined this morning £2 and costs at the local police court. It was urged in extenuation of their offences that they had been misled by ringleaders, who had since absconded. The police magistrate (Mr. Wilkinson) said that if the wheelers were leniently dealt with they would not realise that they had committed a grave offence. But as they returned to work, and a heavy penalty was not asked for, he fined them as stated. He ordered warrants to issue in the case of five wheelers, who had not appeared before the court.

FATALITY AT A MINE.

BROKEN HILL, Wednesday.

Ralph Baynes, aged 30, married, an employee on De Bavay zinc plant on North mine, was killed last night. He fell off a staying in an acid tank, and broke his neck.

YESTERDAY'S FIRES.

A fire broke out yesterday afternoon in a grocer's shop in Reservoir-street, Surry Hills, occupied by William Ah Mee. It was supposed to have been caused by a light being thrown down, and was extinguished by the inmates and the M. F. B. with buckets of water after the contents of the shop had been damaged by fire, smoke, and water. The contents of two rooms on the first floor were also damaged by smoke. Considerable excitement prevailed amongst the Chinamen present while the fire was being extinguished, and their eagerness to assist caused some amusement. The contents of the premises were insured for £280 in the Alliance Office.

Last evening Mr. Eggleton, while passing Messrs. T. Hodkinson's iron foundry in King-street, Erskineville, noticed flames in the vicinity of the office. He gave the alarm, and attempted to quench the flames. The brigade arrived shortly afterwards, and the fire was extinguished with buckets of water. Some lining boards and a quantity of oil in the office on the ground floor were burned.

A PUBLIC CREMATORIUM.

The following is the substance of a letter addressed on May 10 to the Hon. G. C. Wade, K.C., by Dr. Creed, as president, and Mr. G. Kollerstrom, as hon. secretary, of the Cremation Society of New South Wales:—

"Returns made show that very much more than half a million pounds sterling has been expended by the Government in providing, and, in some instances, in assisting to maintain, cemeteries in New South Wales, which in every instance are more or less a danger to the health of the surrounding inhabitants. Experience shows that the exigencies of public necessity require that from time to time such cemeteries should be resumed, and the human remains buried there removed to some other place. Notable instances of this are the resumption of the burial-grounds on the sites now occupied by the Sydney Town Hall and the Central Railway Station, the soils of which have been rendered septic by interments. In the case of the former, the removal of the human remains has been incomplete; in the latter, it was only accomplished at a cost to the State of more than £49,000. Similar resumptions will certainly be necessary in the future, and will in many instances involve much larger expenditure. The soil of the Devonshire-street Cemetery was from its porous character so favourable to the dissolution of organic matter, that a very small portion of the bones of the buried bodies remain under the sandy floor. This would be transferred to other places. This would not be the case in many others where the soil is clay. For instance, it is probable that there is similar action necessary in the case of the Necropolis, a large proportion of the bodies would, after a much longer period of interment, be found almost unchanged, and a potent source of disease and death to those whom necessity brought into more or less intimate contact. The cost of removal under such circumstances would be immensely greater.

"Such contingencies will be avoided just in proportion to the adoption of cremation.

"Cemeteries in the densely populated neighbourhood of Sydney are in such an insanitary condition that municipal authorities have caused inquiry to be made as to the practicability of their removal, and it has been found that in one instance the cost would be £180,000.

"The reports of the present president, but then chief inspector, of the Board of Health, show that the cemeteries in the district of Leichhardt were a potent factor in increasing the virulence of an epidemic of disease which occurred in their vicinity. Also that the burials in the pauper portion of the Necropolis at Rookwood were so negligently carried out that the coffins in many instances were but a few inches beneath the surface, and that the putrid contents were a potent danger to public health.

"The New South Wales Stock Department, by its regulations, directs the destruction by fire of the carcases of cattle and sheep which have died from epidemic disease, although in the case of such deaths in the plain country, where the absence of fuel would necessitate the removal of the dead beasts for a considerable distance (a manifest health danger), burial at a depth of more than 6ft. is sometimes permitted. This is an instance of the partial adoption of cremation.

"Although cremation is largely adopted in many countries, and is increasing rapidly, in none is it compulsory except in Brazil in cases of death from yellow fever. It has been found to be prudent to afford facilities for its use by those persons who desired it, without enforcing it upon others who as yet do not realise its great value in the conservation of public health.

"The health of the people is the most potent factor in the material prosperity of a country, and the Government are constantly called upon to adopt any precautions, though possibly incomplete, which tend to its preservation.

"The State Government is therefore approached to provide the necessary funds for the erection of a crematorium, is in a central position, because it would be available for all persons whose death occurs within a reasonable distance of the railway, and because the number of persons desiring to cremate in any one district might not, in the immediate future be sufficiently great to justify the expenditure of the municipal funds, urgently required for other public purposes, in this direction. When the custom grows, as the experience of all highly civilised countries shows it will, future crematoria might be left to be provided by the local authorities.

"The financial aspect of cremation is of less importance than that of its sanitary value, the saving by its adoption will be considerable. Valuable ground which is devoted to cemetries would be available for other purposes. In the case of the site becoming necessary for public utility the very great cost consequent on resumption would be avoided. The removal of, in many cases, even were the ground not required for utilitarian reasons, might be found requisite as in London and many other European cities for the safety of the surrounding neighbourhood.

"The cost of funerals is now a heavy and unnecessary tax upon the resources of the bereaved families. This might be in the greater part avoided by the private conveyance of the body, without an expensive coffin or even in one provided by the undertaker on loan, so constructed that all except the bottom would be removable before the body is consigned to the incinerating furnace. As an alternative the casket might be inexpensively made of light zinc plate, so that the corpse might be consigned to the combustion chamber without exposure. The metal would be valuable to the less than 1s it was made when.

"Respect having been shown to the memory of the deceased by attendance at the service in the Assembly Hall of the crematorium, which will be available for all sects, the ashes might be received by a friend, to be privately conveyed to the final resting place wherever situated. Under the circumstances set forth the two most costly items in present funerals, the expensive ornamental coffin, and the procession of carriages would be unnecessary.

"If a sufficient number of cremations take place to sustain the heat of the incinerating chamber, the destruction of a body might be accomplished for the expenditure of a sovereign, or even less. The suggestion that with cremation the detection of crimes against life would be rendered more difficult is, we submit, without just foundations. The cases in which the existence of mineral poison have been discovered by exhumation, those of vegetable or organic origin would not be discoverable after interment, are strong evidence that the present system of burial is not an efficient protection against crime. Now a body can be legally disposed of, without the knowledge of the authorities, without a medical certificate of the cause of death, and without registration. To put a hypothetical but very possible case: Supposing a death occur as the result of criminal action, the householder in whose abode it takes place is not compelled to register or give information with regard to it before 30 days subsequent to the decease. The body may be conveyed to the distant country, buried or burnt in any field, garden, or in the bush, without any offence being committed. As an alternative, it might be put on board a boat, conveyed to sea, and, being been sufficiently weighted, dropped in deep water.

"It is improbable that in either case would any definite information of the death reach the authorities, or, if it did, that any effective action could be taken.

"Such a thing could not happen if cremation were adopted, to be carried on in a properly established crematorium, for the regulations which the society would suggest, and which the Governor and Executive Councils could enforce, will render the concealment of crime against life, now so easily practicable, really impossible.

"The Cremation Society recommends that when a crematorium is established, no incineration shall take place unless the death is registered, the cause having been certified by a medical practitioner who has been in professional attendance on the deceased for at least 48 hours immediately prior to death, and that the reliability of the certificate has been confirmed by a second doctor, preferably a Government medical officer, who has made fitting inquiry. These certificates having been given, and the death registered, a permit to cremate may be granted. Such permit should say suspicious circumstances be afterwards discovered, may be suspended by a stipendiary or police magistrate, until doubt as to the cause has been set aside, either by further inquiries or a post-mortem examination. In default of the medical certificates set out being forthcoming, no cremation shall take place until after the cause of death has been determined by post-mortem examination, except by the special leave of the Minister for Justice, or, in his absence, the Under-Secretary for that department. This is to provide for cases of sudden death from obviously natural causes. Such special permission would have been necessary in the cases of the late Sir Julian Salomons and Messrs. Allt and J. T. Wilshire, all of them earnestly desired their bodies to be incinerated."

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TRADES AND LABOUR.

WAGES BOARDS.

HAIRDRESSERS AND WIGMAKERS.

The dispute between the Hairdressers and Wigmakers' Employers' Union (claimants) and the Master Hairdressers and Wigmakers' Association and others (respondents) was further heard at the Central Police Court on Monday evening, before the Hairdressers and Wigmakers' Wages Board. Additional evidence was given on behalf of the employers.

Thomas Wild said he had been engaged in the hairdressing business for nearly 30 years. He thought boys should be bound for five or six years, and should not be apprenticed before 14 or after 16. His busiest hours were between 12 and 2 p.m., and it would not be convenient for him to give a full hour off for lunch during that time. The minimum wage in suburban shops should be £2 5s, but a few city shops might afford more. It would not pay him to offer a minimum wage of £2 12s 6d. He personally objected to the claim of an extra holiday for an annual picnic. Half a day would be sufficient, and it could be held on the weekly half-holiday, on Wednesday or Saturday. As regards Australia Hall, he had had the use of it for meetings, and was accorded a vote of thanks.

LIFT ATTENDANTS' UNION.

A meeting of the Lift Attendants' Union was held in the Trades Hall. Mr. Vivian was elected president in place of Mr. J. Vivian, who resigned through press of other engagements. It was decided to confine membership of the union to lift attendants, and not to include lift-cleaners. Although the union has only been in existence a few weeks it has already been decided to register under the Industrial Disputes Act, and to apply for a wages board as soon as possible.

BUILDERS' LABOURERS' UNION.

At a meeting of the Builders' Labourers' Union it was announced that an application for a wages board had been lodged, and that the hearing had been fixed for May 26.

TOBACCO WORKERS' UNION.

At a special meeting of the above union £2 2s each was voted to Broken Hill and Wolgan Valley lockouts. Reports were received from the B. and A. Tobacco Company re employment for unemployed unionists. Reports were also received about organising the whole trade. Mr. James Sloane, secretary, resigned, owing to ill-health, and was made a life member. Mr. J. C. Moroney was elected.

BRICKMAKERS' UNION.

Mr. M'Donald presided over a meeting of the Brickmakers' Union last evening. The chief business before the members was the consideration of the report of the delegates to the Building Trades' Conference, relative to the log sent to the Master Builders by the Building Trades' Federation. It was decided to abide by the log as it stood. Five new members were nominated at the meeting.

SLATERS' UNION.

At a meeting of the Slaters' Union, held last evening, under the presidency of Mr. Hodgson, a committee was appointed to meet the masters in conference, with a view to discussing the question of limiting apprentices to the trade. At the last half-yearly meeting several new rules were confirmed. Members agreed to the raising of the ordinary subscription to 6d a week—a rise of 2d. The allowance for funeral expenses should be doubled, making it as now instead of 2s 6d as formerly. Mr. Hodgson was elected as president, Mr. Anderson vice-president, Mr. Stewart secretary, and Mr. Reed treasurer.

SLAUGHTERMEN'S UNION.

At a meeting of the Slaughtermen's Union it was stated that a number of the Sydney suburban butchers intended joining the union. Most of the Glebe Island men attended the union's last meeting. They pointed out that the conditions under which they were working were far from satisfactory. They ultimately decided in a body to join the union.

KING LABOUR LEAGUE.

At a recent meeting of the Political Labour League (king branch) the question of choosing a candidate to contest the coming Federal elections was discussed. Ultimately Mr. Hodges proposed,—"That in view of the fact that the Rev. Bernhard Wise has been nominated for East Sydney were endorsed by the P.L.L. executive, despite the adverse report of the returning officer challenging the eligibility of two candidates who lived out of the electoral, this league deprecates the action of the Federal Council, and asks the secretary to convey this resolution to the P.L.L. executive." Although Mr. Hodges's motion was carried by 12 votes to 11.

UNITED CLERKS' UNION.

Mr. W. L. Duncan presided at a meeting of the Clerks' Union, held at 9 Rowe-street, last night. The secretary, Mr. Harold Mercer, reported upon the resolution of the Newcastle branch, and stated that it promised to become very strong, and render great assistance to the central body. A letter was received from the Brisbane Clerks' Union in reference to the federation of clerks' unions in Australia. A long discussion took place upon a motion by Mr. A. C. Hughes,—"That Mr. Duncan be elected withdrew his motion before the Labour Council requesting that a ballot of the unions be taken in reference to the Industrial Disputes Act." Mr. Burgess seconded, and after a heated debate the motion was carried.

INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION.

"The Industrial Revolution" was the subject of a lecture delivered on Tuesday night at the Kiliara Hall by Mr. R. C. Teece, M.D., LL.D., under the auspices of the Sydney University Extension Board. He said that towards the end of the eighteenth century industry and commerce, first in England and subsequently throughout the civilised world, underwent a revolution, which not only transformed the economic world, but also profoundly influenced the social system and the political relations of nations. The causes of the revolution were the great mechanical inventions, the simultaneous improvement of the means of transportation and communication; the accumulation of capital and its application to industry; the rise of joint stock companies, and the extension of banking facilities. The economic results were: the great increase in the productiveness of human labour; the reorganisation of industry on a capitalistic basis; the substitution of the factory for the domestic system of manufactures; the substitution of competition for the mediæval regulations which had previously controlled the production and distribution of wealth; the extension of markets, and consequently the regular recurrence of periods of over-production and depression. The social effect was a change in the relative position of employer and employee (the capitalist and the factory hand supplanting the small master and the apprentice); the dependence of the modern workman; the growth of pauperism; the evils of child labour; the efforts of Tory socialists and trade-unions to ameliorate the conditions of industry; and modern socialism.

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MACHINERY.

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RELIGIOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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ST. STEPHEN'S, Chatswood.—Ascension Day, THIS DAY, Thursday, 20th May.
H.C., 11 a.m.; Festal Evensong, 7.45 p.m., with Special Music.

CHAPMAN-ALEXANDER MISSION.—Midday Prayer Meetings, Monday, 24th, to Friday, 28th, each day 1.10 to 1.50. Members of Chapman-Alexander Party will conduct. Tuesday, 25th, at 8 p.m., Y.M.C.A. Hall.

MEN ONLY.—Sunday, 30th, 2.45 p.m., Town Hall, Sydney, Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman and Mr. C. M. Alexander will conduct the meeting. Tickets obtainable at Y.M.C.A., PRT-st., or Mission Office, 403 Sussex-st.

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PUBLIC NOTICES.

MISS BISHOP,
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NAVAL AND MILITARY NOTICES.

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BUDDLE.—The friends of the late JOHN GEORGE BUDDLE are invited to attend his Funeral; which will leave the Presbyterian Church, Campbell-street, Balmain, at 1.45, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, for Waverley Cemetery.
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MASONIC.—The Members of LODGE PACIFIC, No. 134, U.C.L., N.S.W., and Sister Lodges, are invited to attend the Funeral of their late BROTHER, John George Buddle; to move from Presbyterian Church, Campbell-street, Balmain, THIS DAY, at 1.45 p.m., for Waverley Cemetery. Regalia to be worn.
W. S. ALLAN, W.M.
J. LEAN, P.M., Sec.

BUDDLE.—The Members of the SHIPWRIGHTS' PROVIDENT UNION are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late MEMBER, John Buddle (Shipwright, Surveyor); to move from Presbyterian Church, Campbell-street, Balmain, THIS DAY, at 1.45 p.m., for Waverley Cemetery. JOHN TRAVERS, Secretary.

BUDDLE.—Balmain United Friendly Societies' Dispensary Board.—The Officers and Members are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of the late Trustee, J. G. BUDDLE, which will leave the Presbyterian Church, Campbell-street, Balmain, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at 1.45 o'clock, for the Waverley Cemetery.
E. B. W. WISE, W.M.; E. B. SHAW, Secretary.

BUDDLE.—Star of Hope Division, No. 14, Sons of Temperance.—The Officers and Members are invited to attend the Funeral of our late P.S., Brother, J. G. BUDDLE, which will leave the Presbyterian Church, Campbell-street, Balmain, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at 1.45 o'clock, for Waverley Cemetery.
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COHEN.—The Funeral of the late Miss ELIZABETH COHEN will leave St. Kentas, Alliance-st, Randwick, THIS DAY, at 1 p.m.; and from the Mortuary at 2.22, for Rookwood.
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DAVIES.—The Friends of Mrs. FRANK EVAN DAVIES are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her beloved HUSBAND, Frank Evan, late of the firm of Newman and Davies; to leave his late residence, Westmead, THIS THURSDAY, at 1 o'clock, for Church of England Cemetery, Carlingford, arriving at 3 o'clock.
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DUNN.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. DANIEL DUNN are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved DAUGHTER, Melva; to leave 317 Campbell-street, Surry Hills, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Necropolis.
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HIDDON.—The Friends of Mrs. EPHRAM HADDON and FAMILY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her beloved HUSBAND and their FATHER; to leave his late residence, George-street, Parramatta, THIS (Thursday) MORNING, at 11 o'clock, for the Western-road Cemetery.
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THE Friends of Mr. JAMES HONEYMAN are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved WIFE, Catherine; to leave No. 8 Dyer's-buildings, Harrington-street, THIS THURSDAY, at 1.15 p.m., for Rookwood Cemetery.
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HUNT.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. CHARLES WILLIAM HUNT are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved MOTHER, Mrs. Sarah Hunt; to leave 15 Harwood-lane, Pyrmont, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Necropolis.
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HUNT.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. THOMAS JOHN HUNT are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved MOTHER, Mrs. S. A. Hunt; to leave 15 Harwood-lane, Pyrmont, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Necropolis.
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LANDERS.—The Funeral of the late Mrs. ELIZABETH MARY LANDERS will leave her late residence, Kilbehenny, Longueville-road, Longueville, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock, for Gore Hill Cemetery.
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MAY.—The Funeral of the late Margaret Elizabeth, the beloved WIFE of S. J. MAY, of Newcastle, will leave 11 Cook-road, Centennial Park, THIS THURSDAY, at 3 p.m., for Waverley Cemetery.
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MAY.—The Friends of JOSEPH RICH are invited to attend the Funeral of his dearly beloved DAUGHTER, Ellen Mary; to leave 11 Cook-road, Centennial Park, at 3 p.m. THIS DAY (Thursday), for Waverley Cemetery.

MAY.—The Friends of GEORGE ALFRED and JOHN RICH, and Mrs. E. POGERTY, are invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved NIECE, Madge May; to move from No. 11 Cook-road, Centennial Park, THIS DAY (Thursday), at 3 p.m., for Waverley Cemetery.

McDONOUGH.—The Friends of Mr. PATRICK McDONOUGH are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his dearly beloved WIFE, Bridget; to move from his residence, 4 Pawley-street, Surry Hills, THIS THURSDAY, at 2.30 p.m., for Waverley Cemetery.
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McMULKIN.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. McMULKIN, of Manly, are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved FATHER; to leave his late residence, 84 Norton-st, Ashfield, THIS (Thursday) MORNING, at 9 o'clock, for Methodist Cemetery, Rookwood, via Ashfield station.

QUILTY.—The Friends of Mr. GEORGE QUILTY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his beloved WIFE, Sarah; to leave his residence, 40 Kensington-street, city, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at 1.45, for Church of England Cemetery, Necropolis.
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STRACHAN.—The Friends of Mrs. ANDREW STRACHAN are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of her late dearly loved HUSBAND; to leave Dowlais, Silver-street, Randwick, TO-MORROW (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 3.15, for Waverley Cemetery.
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STRACHAN.—The Friends of Miss EDITH STRACHAN are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of her late dearly loved FATHER; to leave Dowlais, Silver-street, Randwick, TO-MORROW (Friday), at 3.15 p.m., for Waverley Cemetery.
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